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SOVIET 'PLANES BLAST TRAIL FROM WARSAW TO FRONTIER

SWEDEN PERMITS PASSAGE OF TROOPS

The Swedish Riksdag met in secret session yesterday.

No announcement has been made so far regarding Tuesday's Cabinet meeting presided over by King Gustav.

A meeting of the foreign affairs committee of the Cabinet was also held on Tuesday under the Crown Prince. Monday and Tuesday were public holidays but beyond a reiteration of Sweden's desire to continue to avoid being dragged into the "great powers' war," it is unlikely that much indication of Sweden's attitude will be available.

From Norway

It was officially announced in Stockholm yesterday that Sweden has granted a German request to send a certain number of German troops from Norway to Finland via Sweden, says a Stockholm despatch to the official German news agency.

The troops will be limited to one division, the despatch added.

"New Position"

Following the special session of the Swedish Riksdag an official communique has been published announcing Swedish agreement to allow German troops to pass from Norway to Finland via Sweden.

The communique, according to a Stockholm despatch to the official German news agency, states: "In the situation occasioned by the outbreak of war between Germany and the Soviet, Sweden will unswervingly pursue her efforts to safeguard her autonomy and independence and remain outside the conflict."

"By the new position, however, we are faced with certain exceptional questions. Thus, it has been suggested by both Finland and Germany that Sweden should permit the transport by Swedish railway of one corps of troops limited to one division from Norway to Finland."

"The Government, with the consent of the Riksdag and in consideration of the formality necessary for the protection of Swedish sovereignty, has agreed to this proposal."—Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY SEES SOVIET ENVOY

Admiral Leahy, U.S. Ambassador to the Vichy Government, visited the Soviet Ambassador yesterday morning, says Reuter.

STALIN TO TAKE SUPREME COMMAND?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Daily Telegraph" quotes the Vichy radio as saying Stalin plans to take personal and supreme command of the Soviet armies from Marshal Timoshenko. —International News Service.

JAPAN TO SIT ON FENCE

Discussing for the first time Japan's plans to deal with the new international situation created by the Soviet entry into the war, "sources close to the Government" stated yesterday, according to the Domei agency:

"There will be no change in Japan's fundamental policy of attaching primary importance to a solution of the Sino-Japanese conflict and the establishment of a new order in East Asia."

"Consequently the Japanese Government is at present, not placing undue importance on the question of issuing any announcement formally defining its attitude or clarifying its future policy, but prefers calmly to watch events abroad and deal with future developments as they arise."

"During this time the Cabinet will meet in extraordinary session wherever necessary and will also hold consultations from time to time with high officials of the War and Navy Ministries." —Reuter.

Leningrad Blaze

CLOUDS OF SMOKE CAN BE SEEN IN THE DIRECTION OF LENINGRAD AND THE TOWN IS SAID TO BE ABLAZE, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM HELSINKI QUOTED BY ROME RADIO.—REUTER.

Fierce Fighting Raging On The Entire Battlefront

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE SOVIET SUPREME COMMAND CLAIMS THAT GERMAN TANKS AND INFANTRY, BATTERING HEAVILY AGAINST THE WHOLE RUSSIAN FRONT, WERE REPEATEDLY THROWN BACK.

RED ARMY TO STAND ON OLD LINE

The Russians are withdrawing to their old defence works on the other side of the River Dniester but the advancing Germans are hampering them in taking up positions, according to Italian correspondents in Bucharest.

The Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Tidningen" quotes military quarters as saying the operations so far have been merely preliminary to a great clash which is expected when the main Russian army is met, though tactical surprise methods have enabled the Germans to gain considerable ground in some regions.

It is expected that the encounter with the main Russian body will not be long delayed. The correspondent adds that it is declared in Berlin that the German forces are faster than anything yet seen in this war or in history.

Swedish correspondents in Berlin announce that concrete news of the fighting will probably be available during the day.—Reuter.

Gunfire In Baltic

Gunfire is reported to have been heard from various places in the outer Stockholm Archipelago yesterday. Firing was also heard on Tuesday off the west coast.—Reuter.

Ripping over the grey hordes of German troops, sprawled abreast the long gateway to Russia, Red 'planes blasted a trail of fire from Warsaw to East Poland and knocked vast numbers of German aircraft out of the sky.

Along the north pinnacle of the line, fierce fighting is raging. Great tanks are locked in combat and "heavy losses were sustained by our enemy," says Moscow.

In the Gulf of Finland a German submarine was sunk by units of the Red Fleet.

In reply to the twice repeated raids on Sebastopol, Soviet bombers thrice bombed Constanza and Sullina.

In addition to aircraft brought down on Monday no less than 220 Nazi machines were destroyed on enemy aerodromes.

Moscow radio claims the destruction of 304 German 'planes and said Red air raiders left Constanza "in a mass of flames." —International News Service.

Air Offensive

The predominance of aerial warfare at this stage of the German offensive (Continued on Page 16)



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MERDJ AYOUM FALLS TO AUSSIES AT DAWN

Keypoint Of Syria Resistance Captured

THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM REPORTS THAT AUSTRALIAN TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED MERDJ AYOUM, IN SYRIA.

The Australians engaged in hand-to-hand fighting but when they finally occupied Merdj Ayoun at dawn yesterday they found the stronghold deserted and only a few snipers left.

R.A.F. KEEPS UP ATTACKS

Soon after midday yesterday Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, with a strong escort of fighters, attacked railway goods yards at Hazebrouck, states an Air Ministry communique.

BOMBS WERE SEEN TO BURST IN THE YARDS WHICH WERE CROWDED WITH TRAFFIC. DIRECT HITS WERE ALSO SCORED ON TWO RAILWAY BRIDGES. ONE OF WHICH COLLAPSED.

Reports so far received show that British fighters destroyed seven enemy planes.

British losses in this operation were two fighters missing, concludes the communique.

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON LATER THAT AN AMMUNITION TRAIN BLEW UP IN THE HAZEBROUCK YARDS

Second Sweep

The R.A.F. made a second sweep over Northern France late yesterday afternoon.

As on the first occasion a strong force of bombers was protected by fighter squadrons and shortly after they had passed over the coast, watchers on the Kent cliffs heard violent explosions from several points along the French coast.

No official details are yet available regarding the operation.

Airfield Attacked

The German airfield at Longueuesse, near St. Omer, was bombed and hangars and buildings hit by the second of the R.A.F.'s double sweeps over Northern France yesterday.—Reuter.

The Vichy forces are reported to have fled northward during the night.

The report is confirmed in an official announcement in Cairo, which says British and Australian troops occupied Merdj Ayoun and Inbales Saki in their advance northwards.

In the right sector in Syria, all is quiet in Damascus.

In the coastal sector, by bombarding Vichy positions in the Damour area, the Royal Navy is actively supporting the advance of Australian troops.—Reuter.

Nazis Bomb Damascus

OVER 30 WERE KILLED AND MANY INJURED WHEN GERMAN PLANES BOMBED DAMASCUS YESTERDAY MORNING, SAYS REUTER FROM JERUSALEM.

ARMS FOR SOVIET VIA VLADIVOSTOK

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The State Department in Washington announces that all American citizens in Russia, except Government representatives and newsmen, are advised to leave as soon as possible.—International News Service.

SOVIET RELATIONS WITH FINLAND

THE RUSSIAN MINISTER AND HIS STAFF ARE STILL AT HELSINKI BUT THE MINISTER'S FAMILY LEFT ON TUESDAY, ACCORDING TO A REPORT RECEIVED IN STOCKHOLM.

The Polish Minister and Military attaché have received their passports and are expected to go to Stockholm.—Reuter.

DEMONSTRATION IN MADRID "EXPLAINED"

AN EXTRAORDINARY "explanation" of the organised demonstration against the British Embassy in Madrid was published yesterday by the newspaper "Arriba," organ of the Spanish Falange (Fascist Party).

Commenting on the German-organised riots outside the Embassy, the "Arriba" stressed that the manifestations were directed "exclusively against Russia."

The paper then admits that "some of its remnants, not subjected to discipline, branched from this intention and went to extremes."

This, the Falange organ continued, "only means that feeling against our oldest enemy is fresh and aroused."

The "Arriba" says the explanation of the feeling against "the old enemy, Britain," "would be found in simple meditation on the progress of our Empire strangled to the point of slavery."

The article ends with a severe order to Falange comrades that nothing must be left to "spontaneous joy" and Falangists must follow commands with strict discipline.—Reuter.

SECRET SESSION ON SHIPPING

The House of Commons yesterday discussed the shipping position in secret session. It is understood the Prime Minister made a comprehensive statement to the House.—Reuter.



Master Freddie Harrison, aged six, was last month presented with a cheque for £4,150. by Alderman A. A. Near, Mayor of Hendon, at the Hendon Town Hall. The money together with a letter of congratulations was sent by the Vimy Post of the Toledo Canadian Legion, Toledo, Ohio. Freddie rescued his three-year-old sister Winifred from beneath the debris of their home, damaged in a recent air raid. Attention had been drawn to this act of youthful heroism through widespread publication of the children's photograph in American newspapers. Photo shows Freddie with his sister Winifred taken after the presentation, with their father. (Copyright, Fox).

NO "NEUTRALITY" PROCLAMATION AFFECTING SOVIET

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT does not intend to issue a "neutrality" proclamation on the Russo-German war, according to an announcement by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, in Washington yesterday.

United States ships will thus be permitted to carry arms to Vladivostok. The United States is taking up the same position as she has maintained during the undeclared Sino-Japanese war.

Mr. Welles pointed out that under the Neutrality Act, a neutrality proclamation is required when the President or Congress "shall find that there exists a state of war between foreign States and that it is necessary to promote or preserve the peace of the United States or protect the lives of citizens of the United States."

Mr. Welles added that the President had authorized him to announce that inasmuch as he finds a proclamation is unnecessary in the present instance to promote the peace of the United States or protect American citizens, he has no intention of issuing a proclamation.

Asked what effect this would have on the transport of arms to Russia in American ships, Mr. Welles explained that the combat zones already established by the President do not include the Pacific region.

Vladivostok Open

Vladivostok will thus remain open to American ships carrying

arms or any other supplies. Under the Neutrality Act, American ships are forbidden to carry arms to "belligerent" ports or defined combat areas.

Mr. Welles noted the United States had still not received an official communication from the Russian Government since the American declaration on Monday favouring Russia against Germany and the President's announcement that all American aid possible would be given to Russia.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN HAS A BUSY DAY

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in addition to his interview yesterday with the Spanish Ambassador, the Duke of Alba, also saw the Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. van Kiefting, and the United States Ambassador, Mr. John G. Winant.—Reuter.

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U.S. LOAN TO BRITAIN PROBABLE

To Relieve Strain On Exchange

MR. JESSE JONES, U.S. Federal Loan Administrator, in announcing in a formal statement in Washington yesterday that it is "considering a loan to the British Government," said the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was studying a loan under the new law authorising such a loan, and added:

"Purpose of the loan would be to provide the British with dollar exchange to pay for war supplies in this country without having to sell their American securities and investments at a forced sale."

Mr. Jones did not name any amount but in some quarters it is reported the loan would be for "several hundred million dollars."

R.F.C. officials, however, hinted that a smaller figure was contemplated at the start.

Mr. Jones said the collateral of the proposed loan would include "direct investments and a wide diversification of stocks and bonds of corporations" in the United States.—Reuter.

THAILAND AND JAPAN

"I WISH VERY MUCH THAT MR. MATSUOKA WOULD PAY A VISIT TO THAILAND," SAID THE THAI PREMIER TO JAPANESE PRESSMEN WHEN THE LATTER PRESENTED HIM WITH AN ANCIENT JAPANESE SWORD IN BANGKOK YESTERDAY.

He (the Premier) wanted to visit Japan but could not find the time at present. He would go when he found the opportunity he desired to promote cooperation between Thailand and Japan to the highest pitch.—Reuter.

MANNEQUINS GET THRILL

Sir Robert Clive, former British Ambassador in Belgium, and Mr. James Mollison, who is to enter the Atlantic plane ferrying service, were among passengers who have arrived in Canada aboard a vessel which beat off two air attacks during the crossing. One plane was reported damaged by the ship's gunfire. Also on board were 19 British mannequins en route for South America.

BANK OF CHINA CLOSES BRANCHES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Three of the seven offices of the Bank of China operating in the foreign areas in Shanghai are to be closed on July 1. Reduced business is the cause of the closures, according to a high Bank official.—International News Service.

HUGE U.S. CARGOES REACHING SUEZ

Huge cargoes sent under the United States Lease and Lend programme are reaching Suez, says the Washington correspondent of the New York "World-Telegram."—Reuter.

DUTCH BUTCHERS ARRESTED

Five Dutch butchers have been sent to a German concentration camp for the illegal slaughter of meat, according to Dutch circles in London yesterday. This sentence was described as a warning.—Reuter.

NO CHANGE

Yesterday's G.H.Q. communique in Cairo declared that in Libya and Abyssinia there is no change.—Reuter.

THAILAND CELEBRATES DEMOCRACY

DEMOCRACY IS HORN-LOCKED IN MORTAL COMBAT IN EUROPE AND THAILAND REAFFIRMED HER FAITH IN DEMOCRATIC IDEALS BY A THREE-DAY NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION OF THE NINTH BIRTHDAY OF THE DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION WHICH SHE WON WITH THE BLOODLESS COUP D'ETAT OF JUNE 24, 1932.

One of the leaders of the coup d'etat is the present head of the Thai Government, Major-General Luang Pibula Songgram.

Besides illuminations, fairs, processions, firework displays, tournaments and torchlight parades National Day celebrations were marked by the opening of new avenues, trunk roads, rail lines, a landing station for international flyingboats, an internal commercial air line, university buildings, schools, hospitals and a Buddhist monastery where Buddha's relics brought from India had been deposited. The foundation stone was also laid for the memorial to those fallen in the Indo-China border conflict.—Reuter.

ARMY CAMP —£400 A HEAD

Mr. Stokes (Soc., Ipswich) asked in the Commons why militia camps at Cove cost £400 per militia man, compared with £160 per head of persons housed in the L.C.C. estate at the White City, and whether the contractors engaged had had fair treatment?

The Financial Secretary to the War Office said that while he did not accept the figures given, comparison between the camp and the L.C.C. estate was of no value, as the problems involved were not comparable.

The contractor had been paid in full, except for a small sum withheld in the normal way. He was no longer allowed to tender for contracts.

BABIES TO GET FRUIT

The next shipload of oranges to arrive in Britain will probably be distributed to mothers with young babies.

The Ministry of Food is considering a scheme to make this possible. But many babies will soon be drinking blackcurrant pulp instead of their morning orange juice.

Experts have been experimenting with pulp made from "last year's crop." Blackcurrants contain a higher percentage of Vitamin C than lemons.



A general view of a damaged London street showing wrecked cars, after the last heavy raid on the capital. (Copyright, Fox).

ACRE AND HAIFA BOMBED

THE CRUSADER FORTRESS TOWN OF ACRE—WHERE SIDNEY SMITH SUCCESSFULLY WITHSTOOD NAPOLEON'S SIEGE—EXPERIENCED THE FIRST AIR RAID IN ITS HISTORY WHEN HOSTILE AIRCRAFT YESTERDAY MORNING DROPPED BOMBS CAUSING SOME DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AND INJURING A CIVILIAN.

It is authoritatively stated that hostile planes also approached Haifa where the ground defences went into action and some bombs were dropped, doing little damage and causing no casualties.—Reuter.

R.A.F. OFFICER IN CELL

It was stated at the Old Bailey that after his uniform had been stolen a Flight Lieutenant was left with only a pair of shoes.

He had to borrow civilian clothes, and was arrested as a suspected person, being detained in a cell for two and a half hours before he was able to prove his identity.

Michael Joseph Downes, 34, aircraft fitter, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for receiving the uniform, knowing it to have been stolen, stealing jewellery, defrauding a young woman of £40 by pretending he was an R.A.F. officer and intended to marry her, defrauding a bank of £30 and obtaining money by means of forged Post Office Savings Bank withdrawal forms.

CAN A DOCTOR ORDER CREAM?

A WEST COUNTRY DOCTOR DECIDED THAT ONE OF HIS PATIENTS NEEDED CREAM.

He wrote a prescription for it. The cream was supplied. But the manufacture of cream is now banned—and the authorities consider it must remain a commodity rather than the rarest drug.

So they have issued a summons alleging that cream was illegally bought and sold. Regarded as a test case, the hearing will be at Cirencester.

CUP WINNERS TO MEET

The winners of the Scottish and English football War Cups, Glasgow Rangers and Preston North End, respectively, are to meet at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, on a date yet to be arranged in aid of charity.—Reuter.

SECRET SESSION IN FINLAND

The Finnish Parliament met in secret session at 7 o'clock last night, states a Helsinki despatch to Berlin.

After an hour the session was adjourned. It was resumed at 9.30 p.m. and was still in progress two hours later.—Reuter.

GERMAN LINER REPORTED SUNK

American maritime sources reported yesterday that a plane of the British Fleet Air Arm attacked and probably sank the German liner Elbe (8,000 tons) in the Atlantic, says Reuter from New York.

AMERICAN RED CROSS EFFORT

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS SPENT OVER \$18 MILLION AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OVER \$16 MILLIONS ON WAR RELIEF FOR BRITAIN, BELGIUM, CANADA, CHINA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GREECE, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA.

Almost half this has been for Britain, declared Mr. Laurence Mitchell, of the American Red Cross, in his testimony to the House of Representatives appropriations sub-committee.

Mr. Mitchell said no instance had been reported of any diversion or confiscation of supplies.

Eleven of 369 ships carrying supplies to Britain had been lost at sea. One shipload for Greece had also been lost.—Reuter.

U.S. AID TO BRITAIN

SHIPMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO BRITAIN IN APRIL TOTALLED \$128,000,000.

This represents the largest amount of goods sent to Britain in any month for the past 20 years and is nearly two and a half times greater than in April last year.

The British Empire in April received \$245,000,000 worth of American goods—about 61 per cent. of United States total exports.—Reuter.

OTTO ABETZ IN BERLIN

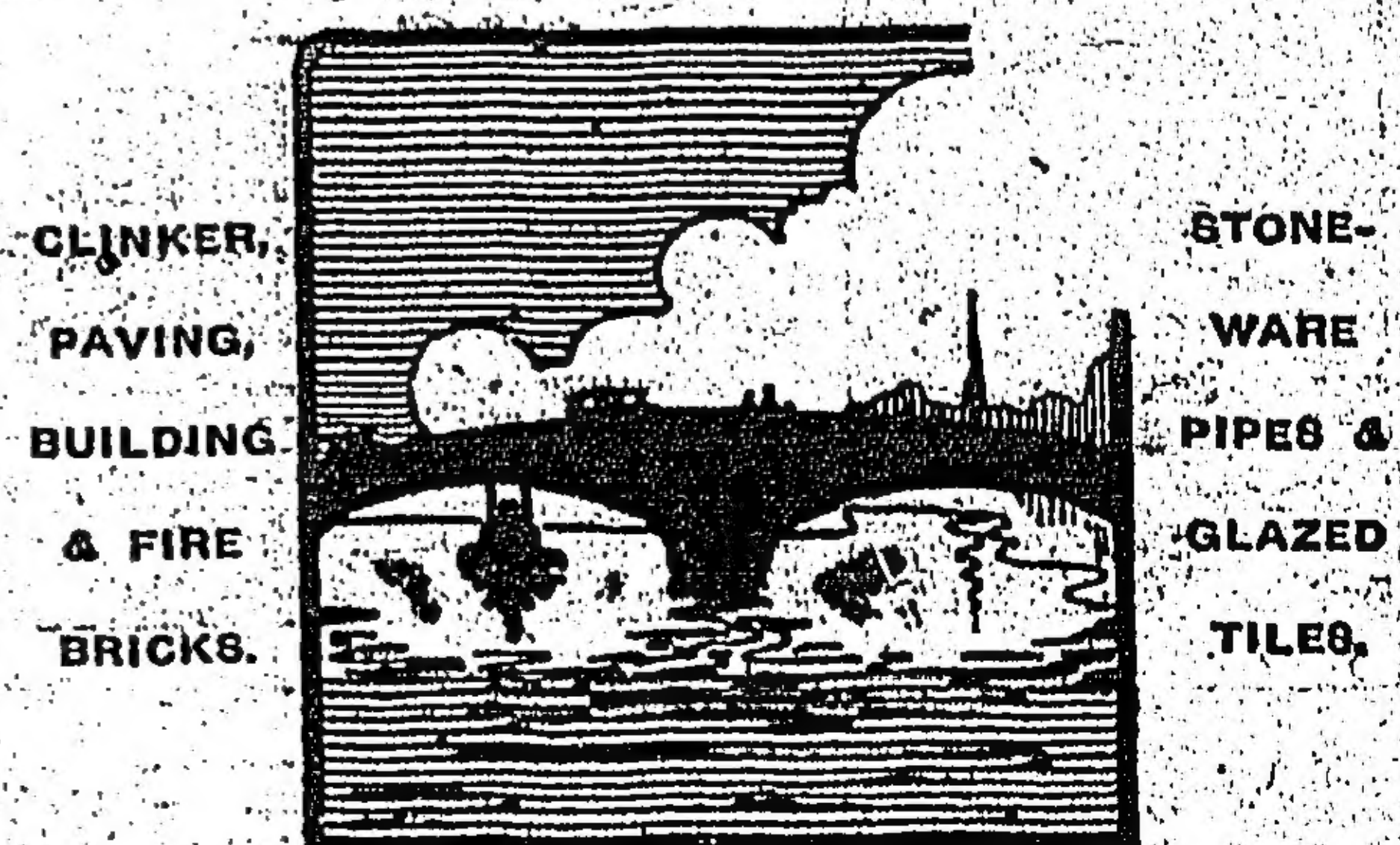
OTTO ABETZ, GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, HAS ARRIVED IN BERLIN, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE ZURICH NEWSPAPER "DIE TAT."

Aim of his visit, it is reported, is to inform the German Government, in accordance with Vichy's wishes, of the "exceptional deterioration" in the situation of the Vichy forces in Syria following the fall of Damascus.—Reuter.

TURKEY AND RUSSIA

Moscow radio announces that the Turkish Ambassador to Moscow has stated the Turkish Government wishes to reaffirm its neutrality in view of the change in the international situation due to the outbreak of hostilities between Germany and the U.S.S.R.—Reuter.

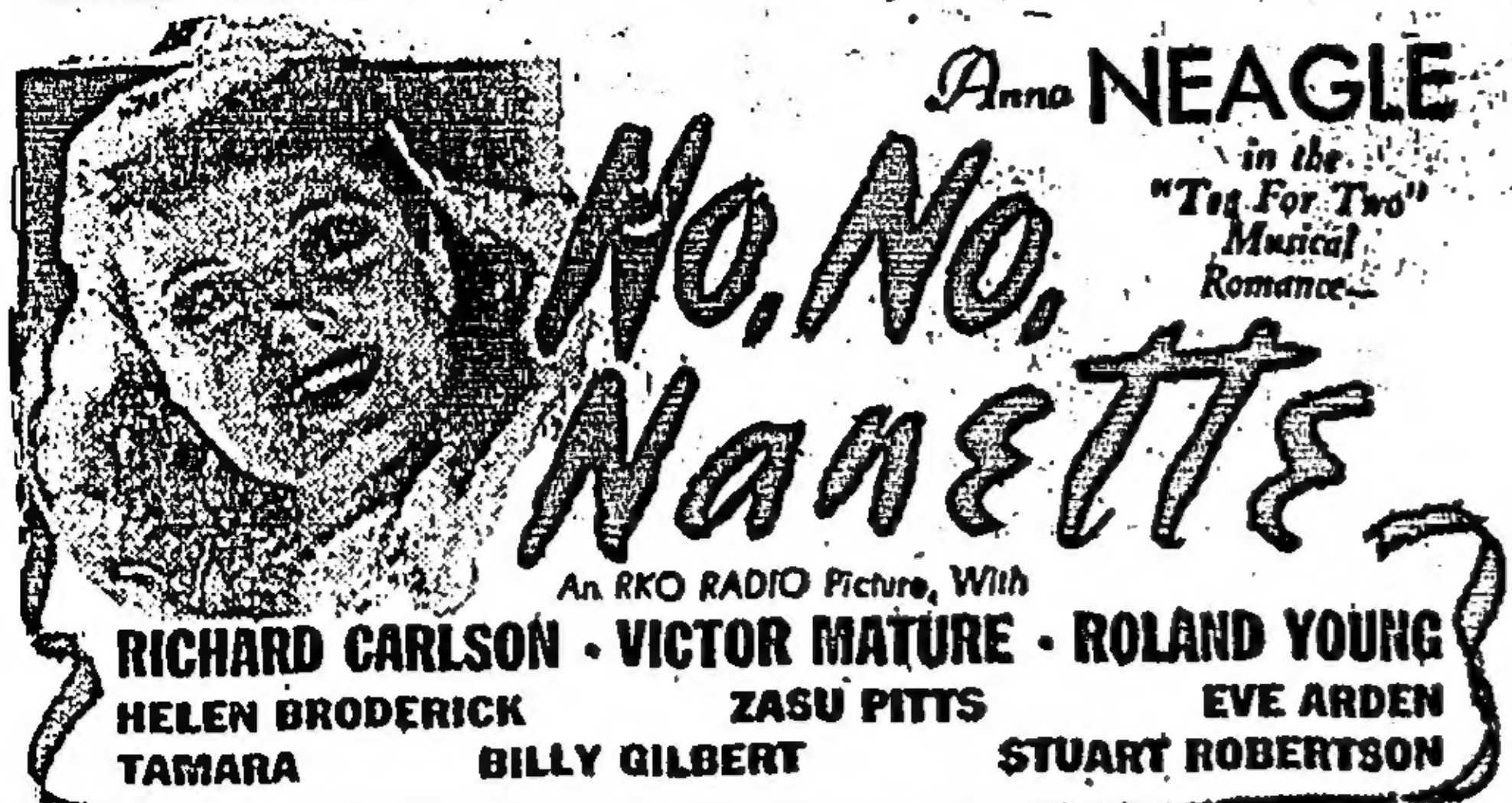
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INVINCIBILITY OF GERMAN ARMY DISMISSED AS MYTH

"THE INVINCIBILITY of the German army is a myth," declares Lt.-Gen. Michael Khozin, head of the Frunze Academy, the Aldershot of the Soviet Union, in the Communist Party organ "Pravda."

Lt.-Gen. Khozin says the Nazi troops bluster about this myth but their victories in 1939 and 1940 were mainly won by treachery in the rear of their smaller enemies who were always numerically inferior.

The writer cites German foreknowledge of the Polish mobilisation plans, the fact that the Norwegian troops were on manoeuvre with blank ammunition, some distance from the German landings, and the signals given from the ground aiding German parachutists who had such an effect on the Dutch campaign.

He mentions the Yugoslav Premier, General Simovitch, had to remove many high officers in the few days at his disposal prior to the German assault on his country.

He also refers to the contacts between leading Frenchmen and the Germans and declares the Maginot Line fell chiefly because the flank was turned.

Critical Moment

Finally, he points out, the Poles managed to wipe out whole Nazi tank divisions and says that if the Greeks from the Metaxas Line had been able to launch a counter-attack at one moment the result in the Balkans war would possibly have been different.

He adds that wherever the Germans met with serious opposition they won by weight of material but they were against a large foe armed with a mass of material who will defeat the "Fascist bird of prey." — Reuter.

HITLER LOSES SUPPLIES

IMMEDIATE RESULT OF THE RUSSO-GERMAN CONFLICT IS TO STOP THE FLOW OF OIL SEEDS OVER THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY TO GERMANY, WHICH IS LIKELY TO CAUSE A REACTION IN THE GERMAN MARGARINE AND SOAP RATION, SAYS THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE.

Oil seeds, which hitherto have constituted the bulk of the total volume of goods carried by this route, are important not only for the vegetable oil contents (they form the basis of margarine and soap) but the residue is used in iron oil cake which is valuable fodder for cattle. — Reuter.

TOAST TO RUSSIA

"TO THE SUCCESS OF RUSSIA" WAS THE TOAST PROPOSED IN LONDON YESTERDAY AMID PROLONGED APPLAUSE BY LORD NATHAN AT A LUNCHEON AT WHICH M. IVAN MAISKY, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, WAS PRESENT. M. Maisky replied: "I have no intention of speaking on this occasion but I would like, on behalf of my Government and country, to express my sincere gratitude to Lord Nathan for his toast." — Reuter.

AMERICAN LABOUR SITUATION

The United States labour position is generally "very encouraging," according to Mr. Sidney Hillman, head of the Labour Division of the Office of Production Management.

Testifying to the House of Representatives appropriations subcommittee yesterday, Mr. Hillman said: "We can look forward to less and less interruptions in work."

Mr. Hillman said he was convinced "we are getting more and more support all the way through."

Nearly three million more persons had resumed work during the past year and there were fewer shortages of men for key positions in defence work than a year ago.

Mr. Hillman said his office were trying hard to reduce defence strikes by weeding out subversive elements in labour unions.

Black List?

Mr. Donald Nelson, purchasing director of the Office of Production Management, said in his testimony that "communities" noted for strikes and other labour disturbances might find themselves unable to get new defence orders and "plant locations."

The O.P.M., he added, very definitely took into consideration labour difficulties and interferences in placing orders and establishing new manufacturing facilities. — Reuter.

Soviet War Output

Moscow radio yesterday stressed the importance of the part played in the present struggle by Soviet scientists who, under the direction of Stalin, have made vast strides in technical and industrial development.

During the present year, the announcer said, they had achieved surprising results which would have a decisive effect on the outcome of the war.

Output from factories had exceeded all results anticipated or hoped for.

In 1914, only small arms, ammunition and light field artillery shells could be produced in Russia, the U.S.S.R. can now produce all types of ammunition and shells for the largest type guns in sufficient quantities to win the war. — Reuter.

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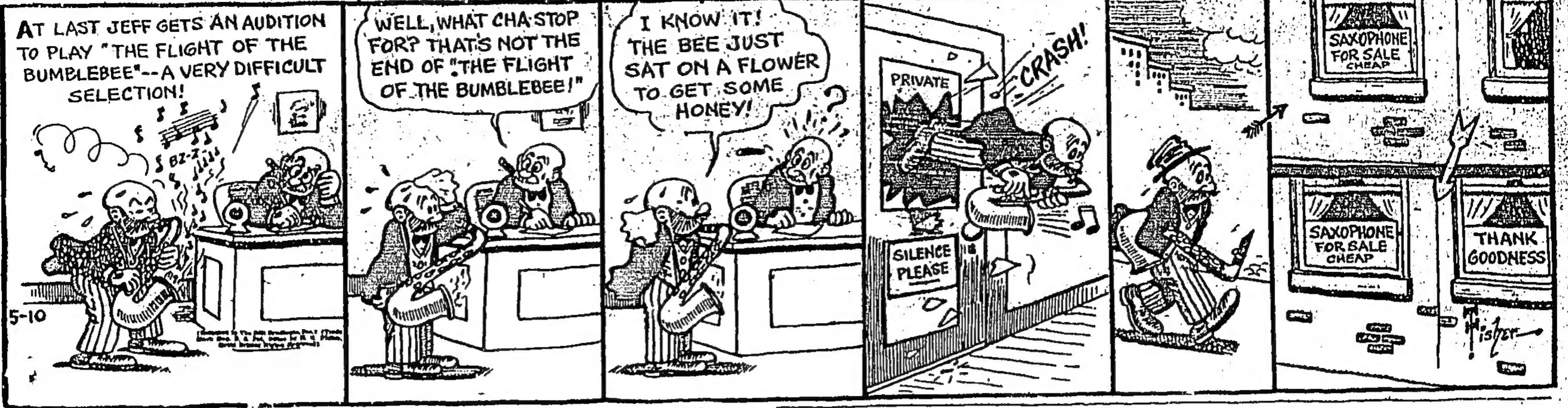
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UNREST GROWS UNDER NAZIS

Rebellion against Nazi tyranny is growing day by day in the occupied countries.

Evidence collected from a variety of sources by the International Transport Workers' Federation shows how necessary the Germans are finding it to increase the severity of measures designed to hold down and crush the spirit of the people.

The strikes which broke out in Holland in the latter half of February caused the Nazis the greatest concern, and have led to the introduction in the country on the German system of forced labour, to which all inhabitants, including foreigners, are liable.

A man in compulsory employment is paid the local wage rate, however much lower it is than what he has been earning.

Also, the Germans are not allowing the rise in the cost of living to be offset by an increase of wages. This is a deliberate attempt to force down the Dutch standard of living to the German level.

French Miners Strike

In occupied France food supplies are bad, and this led recently

to a two-day strike by the miners of Bethune.

The Gestapo are rounding up trade unionists who have shown themselves hostile to the regimentation of the workers' unions and the expatriation of French workers to Germany.

Thirteen death sentences have been passed recently in Norway. Arthur Ruud, president of the Telephone and Telegraph Workers' Union, has been arrested.

From Poland, Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Germany itself — where the death penalty is now enforced for distribution of anti-Nazi leaflets — come other pieces of evidence, all tending in the same direction.

EVACUEE'S VALET

A Brighton schoolboy of 10, evacuated to Yorkshire, has written to his mother, a widow with five children living in a small council house:

"Dear Mum—I like being an evacuee very much. There are lots of servants in fancy clothes. The valet helps me to dress."

VATICAN RADIO INDICTS NAZIS

The Vatican radio has made another attack on the Nazis' attitude to the Catholic Church in German-occupied countries.

The treatment of the Church in Austria and Sudeten Germany was condemned.

The announcer said: "The Bishop of Strasbourg, who is in unoccupied France, is not allowed to return to Strasbourg. The Bishop of Metz has been expelled from his diocese."

"Strasbourg Cathedral is closed for divine service. It is open only for sight-seeing. The Church has nothing any more to do with education in France."

"The primary schools have lost their Catholic character. In Alsace Lorraine, the former Catholic teachers must now teach in accordance with National Socialist programmes. In secondary schools, only in minor classes is religious instruction allowed."

Hitler Youth

"Membership of Hitler Youth organisations for boys and girls is obligatory from the age of 10. All secular holidays have been forbidden."

"The religious seminaries have been closed as also has the theological faculty of Strasbourg. All Catholic organisations have been dissolved."

"The Catholic Press has been suppressed. Catholic charitable work is even more circumscribed than in Germany."

"Up to the end of December, 20,000 people were expelled from Alsace Lorraine, among them 60 priests."

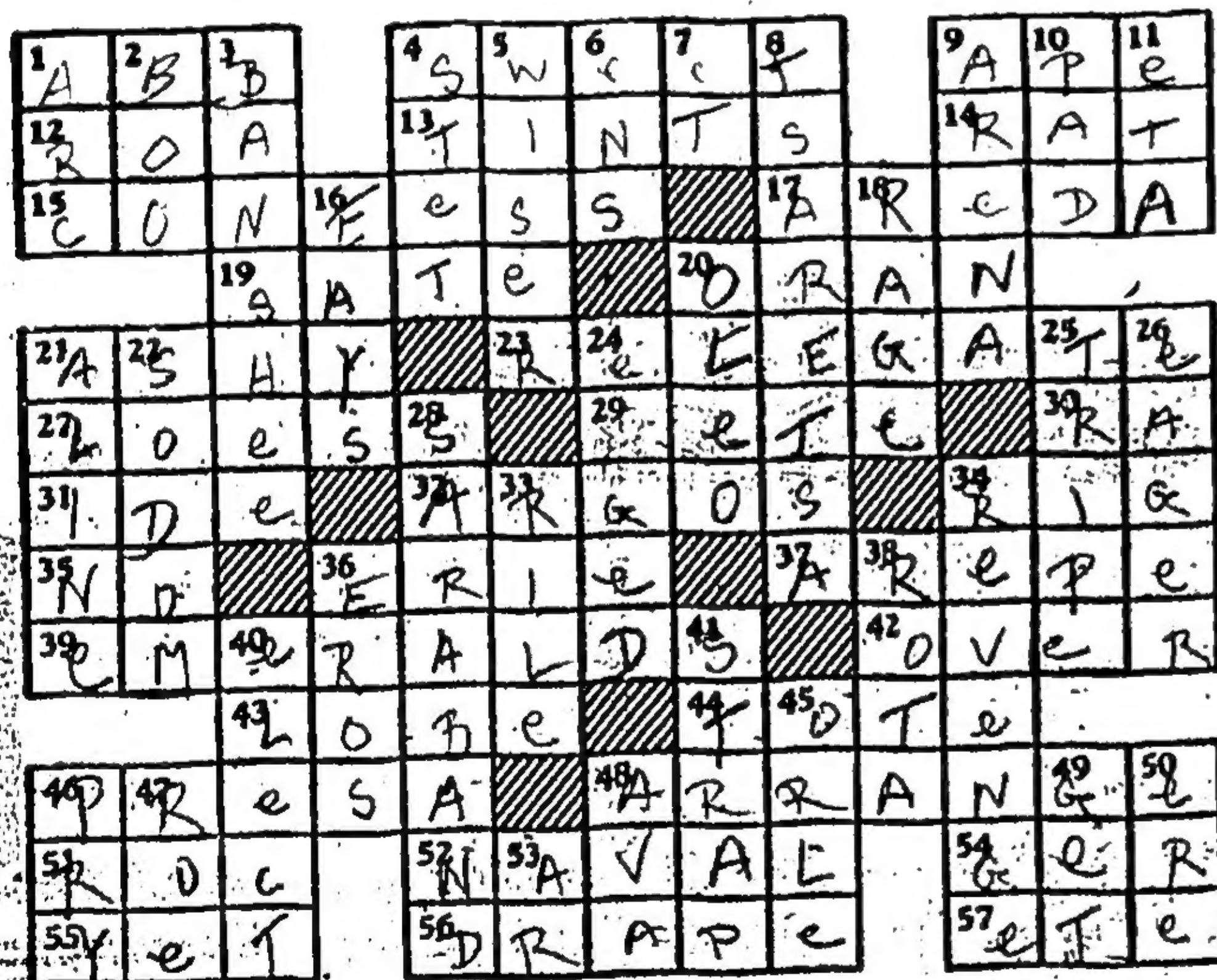
BIRTHS DECLINE UNDER NAZIS

The new birth-rate booklet issued by Himmler, the Gestapo chief, which, as disclosed recently, sets the standard for all patriotic German families at four to six children, is further evidence that the German birth-rate has been falling ever since Hitler came to power. The decrease began to be accelerated last spring.

While the birth-rate always tends to fall in a war, that effect has been much less noticeable in Britain.

The rate for England and Wales for the 12 months ended September 30, 1940, was 14.6 per 1,000. This was higher than in 1933, when the rate was 14.4. No figures are available of the German birth-rate since the war. The most recently published statistics were 18.2 for Germany and 13.7 for Austria.

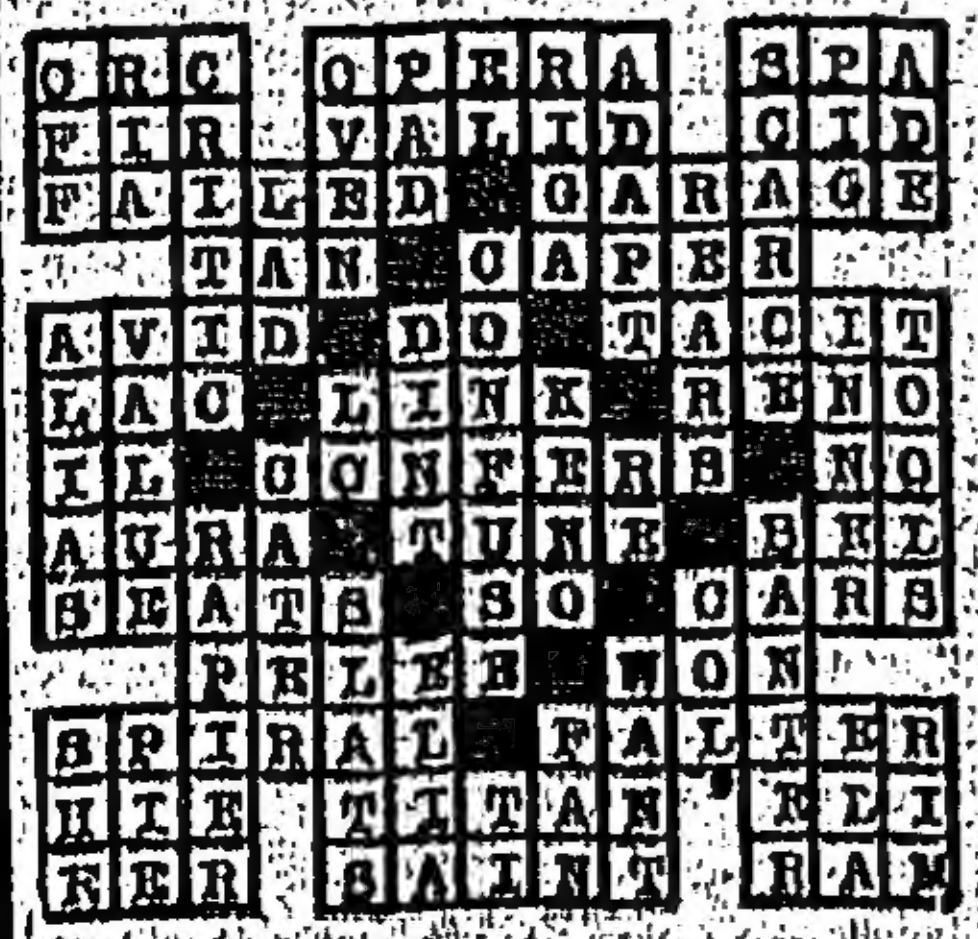
OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



- HORIZONTAL**
- Inferior part of a fleece
 - Sugary
 - To imitate
 - New Zealand bird
 - Varieties of colour
 - Rodent
 - To acknowledge
 - Palm genus
 - To surf
 - Algerian airport
 - Grey
 - To consign
 - Loan
 - deposit
 - Glacial snow
 - Sun god
 - European fish
 - River in Scotland
 - To equip
 - Negative
 - Silkworm
 - Mountain ridge
 - Jewels
 - Above
 - Globular protuberance
 - To carry
 - Musical direction

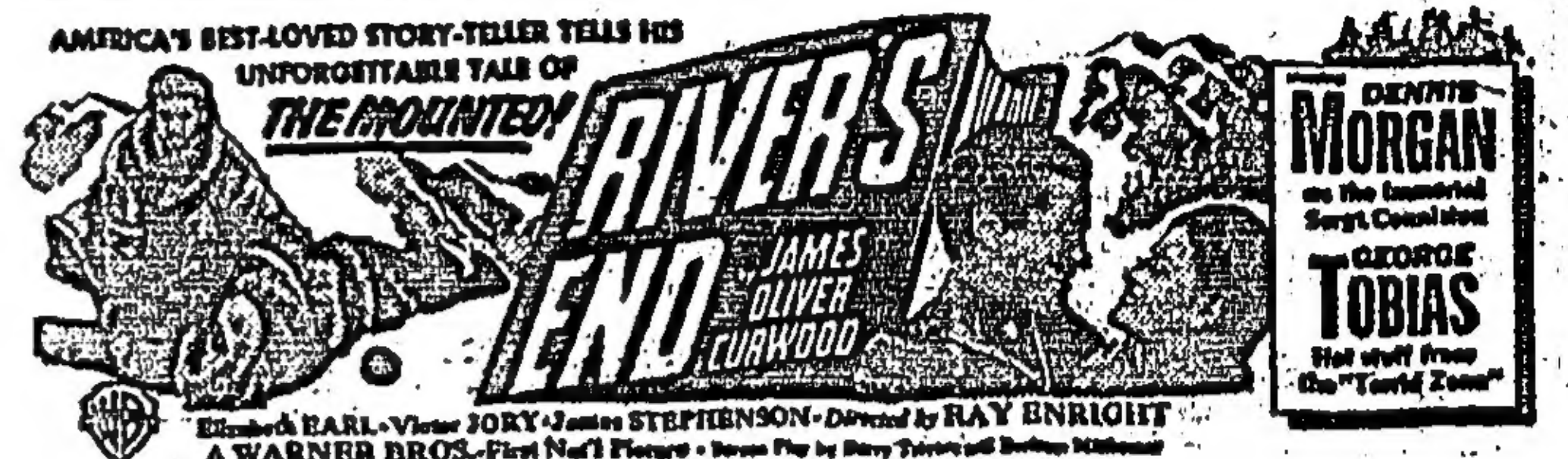
- VERTICAL**
- Part of a circle
 - To show disapproval of
 - Walling fairy
 - Let it stand
 - More learned
 - Abstract being
 - French conjunction
 - Wife of the tsar's son
 - Place of combat
 - Moccasin
 - Greek letter
 - Elves
 - Fit of anger
 - Butter substitute
 - To place in a row
 - Biblical city
 - Toward the centre
 - Stale
 - Avid
 - Spanish dance
 - Abrading instrument
 - Vengeance
 - God of love
 - List
 - To choose
 - Strip of leather
 - Heraldic bearing
 - Lever
 - Fish eggs
 - Hummingbird
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 - Before
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INVADERS

They take neutrality seriously in Eire. The Very Reverend M. Hamilton, Administrator of Ennis and chairman of Clare County Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association, has just withdrawn his nomination for the presidency of the association's congress because "of the introduction and toleration of foreign games among the members of the National Army." He thinks it an insult to the memory and sacrifice of Ireland's dearest martyr to read in the papers of the Rugby team of the Regiment of Pearse. And (he says).

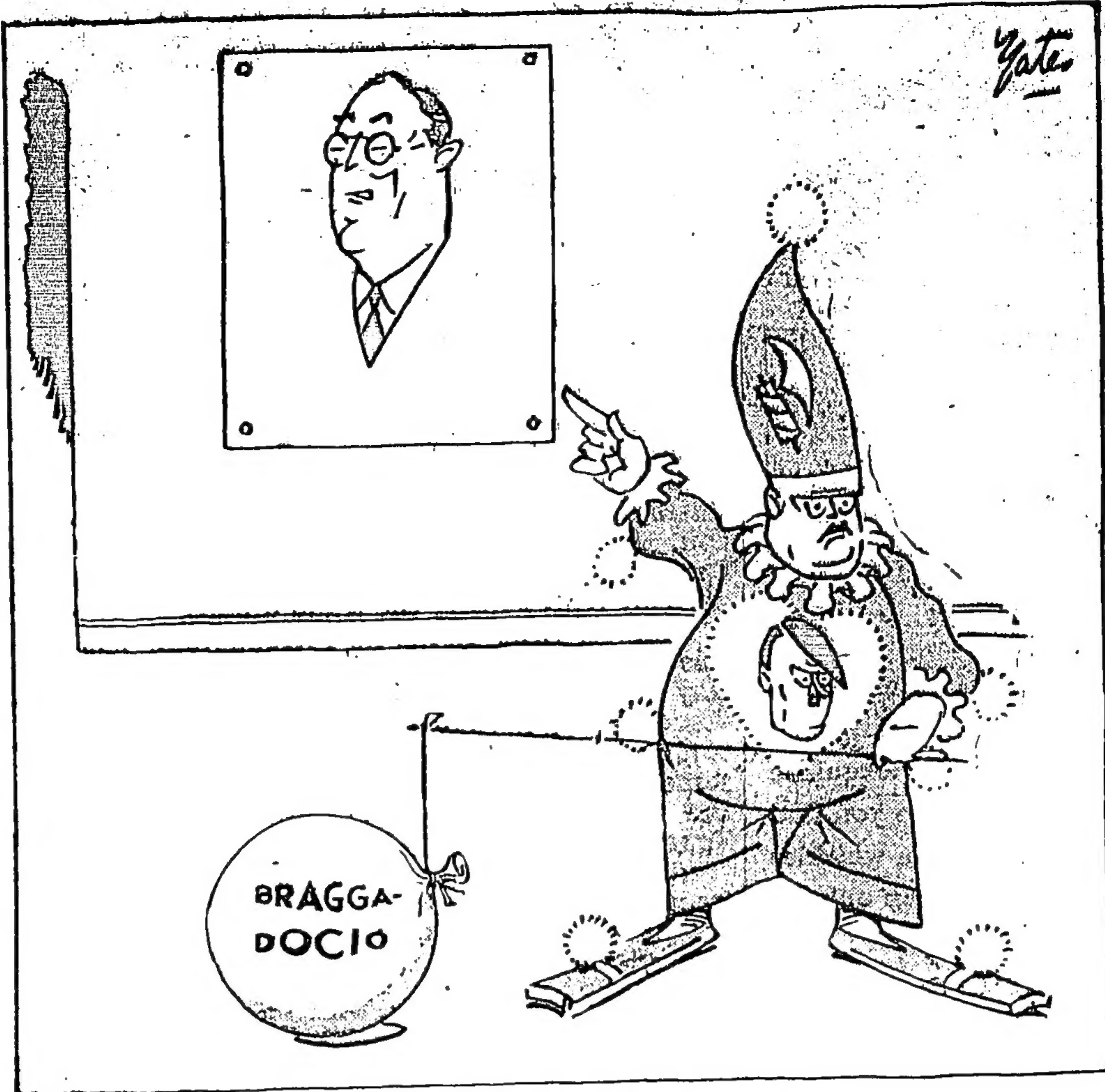
at a time when the manpower of the nation is being rallied and disciplined to resist attack from any possible invader of our land it is surely a travesty of national loyalty to allow foreign games to be played on the recreation-grounds of our defence forces.

But why should the very reverend gentleman stop at the recreation-grounds? Surely cards are "foreign" (unless there is an Irish bridge or an Irish nap), and what of chess and draughts and darts? What is there left for the patriotic Irish neutral to do? And is there not treason in high places, for did not Mr. De Valera himself once play Rugby for Blackrock College and the Minister of Defence indulge in Association? Still, once you set about preparing against invasion you might as well do the job thoroughly, and "foreign games" are no doubt as insidious a form of English penetration as any.

MISUNDERSTOOD

Nothing is more painful than to see the righteous misunderstood, and no one is more pained than Mr. Matsuoka when he sees this happening to Japan. A member of the Japanese Diet recently complained that the Indian Congress was friendly towards the Chungking Government in China; he said this was a serious matter when Japan was setting up her Greater East Asian Sphere of Co-Prosperity. Mr. Matsuoka replied:

Members of the Congress party are evidently under the impression that Japan is persecuting a weak China and that if they approached Japan their own country would soon be persecuted similarly. Efforts have not been



DA VILLAIN-A OF DA PIECE-A

Privileged Pilots

By
J. Wentworth
Day

Little is heard of the war work of the Air Transport Auxiliary: it does not attract the spotlight. Twice within a few days it lost gallant members with the loss of a plane—Amy Johnson and Capt. Horsey—and the tragedy of their death drew brief attention to that body of pilots of no Service rank or status, who, on flying duties of a special kind, have the right to fly anywhere in Britain at any time.

What, then, is the work of the Air Transport Auxiliary?

They pilot Spitfires, Hurricanes, Wellingtons, Ansons and the most hush-hush aircraft that were ever wheeled on the tarmac. They wear a private uniform of their own—or just civilian clothes. They must be ready to fly anything, anywhere, in almost any weather.

They are paid, but some of them refuse to take the money. Yet they fly more types of aircraft than many a Service pilot has ever seen, and, though they are sometimes found in areas thick with the enemy, they carry no arms and fly machines without guns or bombs. In fine—they have all the fun of war, some of the risks, none of the glory; and nothing to hit back with.

Men Of All Callings

Every one is a volunteer in the A.T.A. Some are millionaires and some are farmers. Several are stockbrokers and one is a professional huntsman. Three of them have only one arm and one man has one arm and one eye. Most are British but some are Poles and others are Americans.

Some of the men were of no particular calling—men of leisure—in the piping times of peace and others have worked hard all their lives for very little. But each man, whether he is 50 or 20, can fly. I doubt if anywhere in the world there is a body of men who have flown more different types of aircraft or had more diverse flying experience than these men—and women.

We drove in the winter dawn through narrow lanes lit with holly berries and warmed by rose-red old cottages to a wide expanse of gull-dappled grass. It

lacking to persuade them that their idea is mistaken, but those endeavours are obstructed by Britain. Altogether, Japan's efforts in this regard have been unsuccessful.

Strange how these malicious ideas get about!

looked peaceful, English, very much "away from it all." Yet, as we swung inside the barbed-wire fencing of their domain, there stood blue-clad sentries with fixed bayonets and we felt the pulse of war.

Waiting Aircraft

Aircraft of all sizes, shapes, colours and designs were to be found there. They lined the aerodrome, glimmered dimly in enormous hangars, peeped shyly from belts of woodland. The noses of aeroplanes stood up stiff, dark and triangular in the mist of dawn.

It was a queer, unfamiliar sight, for the scene lacked the Service trimness of an R.A.F. station, yet it transcended in its variety the cheerful cosmopolitan mass of machines of all sorts which one remembered on a civil airfield in the jolly days of peace.

We went to a long, low shed and entered an uncarpeted room furnished with chairs and a time-worn piano. A stove burned redly. Maps and charts chequered a table. The room was full of men. "Afraid it's not much of a mess," said my host and guide, "but you'll meet the boys—several you know here, too."

Banker Air Chief

As we talked other pilots came in. There was Mr. Gerard d'Erlanger, tall, pale-faced, dark and uncommunicative. Now Mr. d'Erlanger is not only a hard-working banker but he is the live wire of commercial aviation in a big way. To-day he is chief of this very "mixed bag" of airmen and airwomen.

The mild-looking but highly surprising Mr. Leo Partridge entered with a faint and quizzical smile. Mr. Partridge always rather looks as if he has lost his way in life, but that is merely his method of deceiving the world. Not only has he an eclectic taste in old furniture and a practised manner in big-game hunting, but he is a young man who possesses a surprising and audacious turn of wit.

The blunt and bluff Mr. Bill Harben joined the throng. Mr. Harben has a habit of taking the air with a cheetah and a chimpanzee. They share a cottage.

I recognised a brother journalist, exchanged Brooklands re-

miniscences—shades of the Synbeam Tigress!—with a couple of ex-racing drivers, and drank another cup of tea with a boot manufacturer.

His "Nice Day's" Work

An A.T.A. pilot's job would not be easy for the best all-round pilot in the world. He is almost invariably a man who has been refused for the R.A.F. because of age or disability. His job is to collect new aircraft, either from the factory or from the "collecting point" and fly them to whatever units of the Service need them. The result is that no one day's work is ever like another.

For example, my host, Mr. Richard Fairey, whose father builds the dive-bombers which put the cat among the pigeons at Taranto, was refused for the R.A.F. because of a spinal injury. Yet he has several thousand flying hours' experience and is qualified to fly all types of machines. That morning he took off in a Spitfire to the Midlands; delivered it; collected a Wellington, which he took on to Scotland, and then came back home via Bristol in an Anson—"Nice varied day but a bit tricky coming home, what with mist and barrage balloons. Risky things, those."

The idea of A.T.A. was born in the brain of Mr. d'Erlanger last August. He saw the day coming when British railways and roads might be wrecked, devastated areas virtually isolated and the R.A.F. perhaps unable to maintain communications. That was when the shadow of the Luftwaffe was bigger than its body has so far proved to be.

So Mr. d'Erlanger sought out F. D. Bradbrooke, the well-known air journalist, and they began to rope in all the pilots of any age who were unfit for R.A.F. service to form an emergency communication body of light aircraft.

"Plenty of us about who'd flown in the last war and since, you know; but when we offered ourselves they said, 'Oh, try A.R.P.'"

Within three weeks Mr. d'Erlanger had 40 expert pilots. Mr. Phillip Wills the sailplane expert, was one. Mr. C. S. Napier, the aero engine designer, was another. So was Mr. Wally Handley, the racing motorist. Mr. Keith Jopp, who lost an arm and an eye in the last war, also joined. He is the oldest pilot of them all, but he has flown more than 150 Spitfires to date.

Since then A.T.A. has flown over one and a half million miles and delivered many thousands of machines. It operates from eight different stations. There are 220 pilots, of whom 20 are ex-civil air line pilots; seven are Poles and 25 are Americans.

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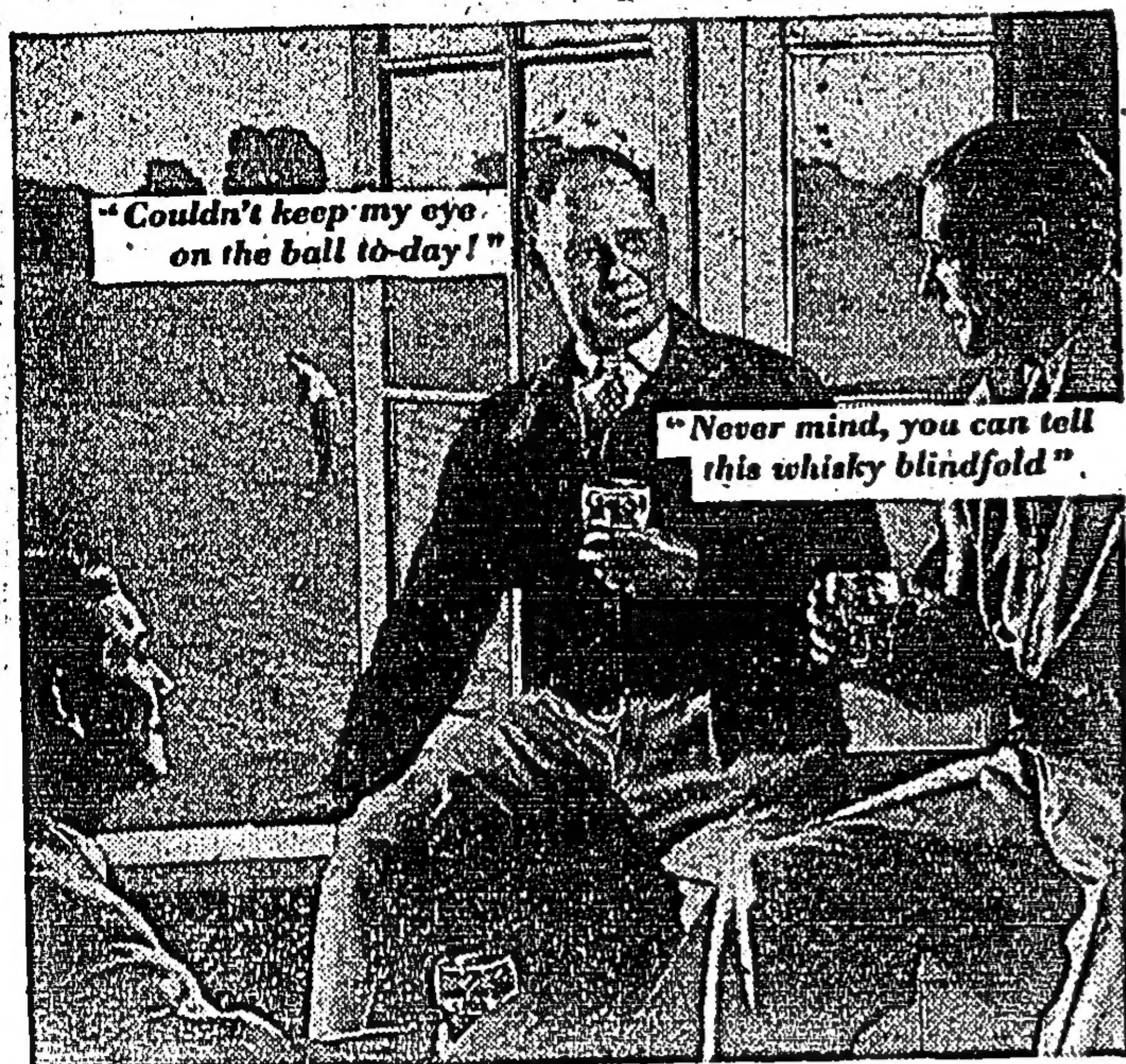
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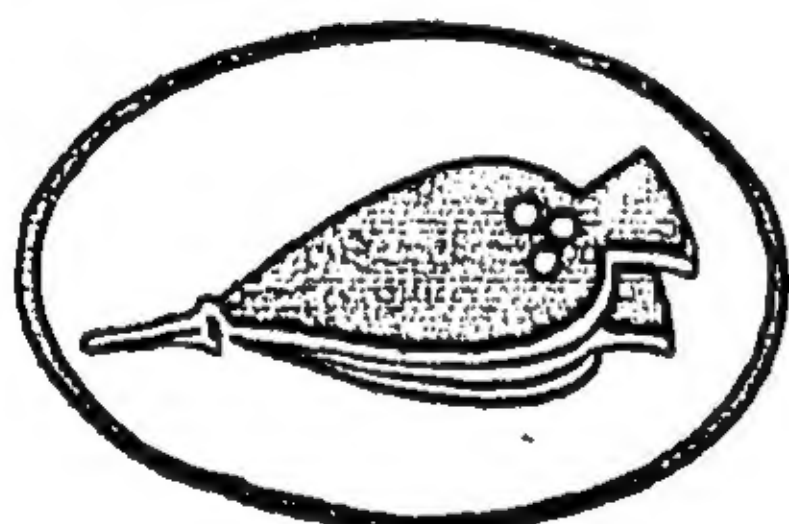
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EX-SHANGHAI MAN A FRENCH NAZI

UNDER THE INSPIRATION of the unspeakable Laval and of Nazi Germany, a party has been organised at Paris which uses for its label the misleading name, *Rassemblement National Populaire*, states "La France," organ of the Free French in London. In control of it are MM. Jean Goy, Marcel Deat, Jean Fontenoy and one Troy, the latter reportedly representing the trade unions.

Marcel Deat needs no introduction, since his role as Hitler's agent has long since been disclosed. Goy was a deputy of the Right, who for many years demonstrated his sympathy for the Nazis. Fontenoy is a one-time agent of the *Agence Havas*—he spent some years in Shanghai—(once owned in part by the *Commite des Forges*) and of the financial *Fournier* agency. He has been unveiling his Fascist tendencies during the last six years. He has made frequent journeys to Berlin and he has been a lieutenant of Jacques Doriot, renegade Communist leader.

On January 31, of this year, these "leaders" held a meeting in Paris at the headquarters of the National Union of War Veterans and there launched a movement for "national revolution and co-operation." That marked the *Rassemblement National Populaire* or, more correctly, the French National Socialist Party. The avowed aim of the party is to overthrow the Vichy Government, as was made abundantly plain in an article by Deat in "l'Oeuvre." In his article, or manifesto, he said:

"The reasons for the revolution manifest themselves more clearly every day among the middle class, among the miserable workers, in the determination of the peasants to survive this catastrophe and by the revolt of all the young, sane and creative elements in our population. These elements wish to rid France of the corrupt buffoons who have been playing a ridiculous farce at Vichy the past six months."

Fontenoy's Radio Address

Soon after the appearance of Deat's article, Fontenoy took occasion in a radio address to formulate the party programme. "For more than six weeks," he said, "France (unoccupied) has had no government. Fortunately the Paris newspapers, not being in the grasp of the Vichy Government, have been able to publish their terrible accusations against those who are responsible for the present situation and against those who had the effrontery to dismiss M. Laval—Laval who represented the pledged word of French collaboration—and against the men surrounding Petain. These include, of course, Moulin de la Barthe, the specialist in hypocrisy, Admiral Fernet, M. Alibert, the former Minister of Justice who established a brief reign of terror in the unoccupied zone, M. Peyrouton, a self-seeking freemason of a discredited school and a scoundrel who has participated in all the political chicaneries of the last few years.

"These are the rascals of the coup d'etat of Friday, December 13 (date of Laval's expulsion from the Vichy cabinet and of his arrest). To this group Pierre-Etienne Flandin must be added—he consented to replace Laval as Foreign Minister, and posed as a supporter of collaboration with the Germans, only to turn overnight into an apostle of 'watchful waiting'."

"Reciprocal Sincerity"

He has deceived German newspaper correspondents just as he deceived his own political intimates with respect to the real facts in the Laval affair. As M. Laval has stated fully twenty times, a policy of collaboration can never succeed unless it is practised with reciprocal sincerity. This Flandin is the antithesis of sincerity. "Laval was achieving orderly government, provisioning of the country, the return of our prisoners and a just peace when he was arrested on December 13. The French occupation of the Rhineland in 1918 was infinitely worse in abuses than has been the

occupation of a part of France by the Germans in 1940-41. We would not tolerate from the Germans the treatment that was meted out to the Rhineland by the French Army.

"The Germans have granted us, without any changes, the local government which existed in Paris before the war. By their moderation, they have made clear to us the way to future collaboration. They have aided us in the re-establishment of communications in the capital and in supplying it with food; they have agreed to release hundreds of thousands of prisoners so that the latter can work the land and prepare a harvest against the future.

M. Laval's Peace

"On December 13, M. Laval submitted a peace plan that would have guaranteed the Continental territory of France, with the exception of Alsace and a part of Lorraine, and one that would also have preserved our colonial empire in its entirety. All was to have been settled by January 1, of this year, but the stupid and criminal men of Vichy did not want the French to have any future.

"It is necessary to act quickly. When the German Army occupies London, all the French politicians will prostrate themselves at the feet of the Germans. But then it will be too late. We must collaborate to-day."

This is the spirit of the men who led in establishing the *Rassemblement National Populaire*, the National Socialist Party of France.

Franco-German Collaboration

The political platform of these men is as follows: In foreign policy, Franco-German collaboration with defence of the colonial empire; political and economic adjustment to the European situation, together with the utilisation of Africa for European collaboration.

In internal policy, a strong state upholding a national movement and excluding all international elements; the re-establishment of moral, family, professional values; popular education imparting to children a culture and an ideal; protection of our race, and the physical and moral regeneration of the French people.

The Fontenoy broadcast concluded as follows: "Frenchmen must now decide whether they will build a French peace, or whether they want to make common-cause with the bad faith of Vichy, which can only lead our country to ruin. Every Frenchman who does not despair of his country, and of common good sense, should join the *Rassemblement National Populaire*, and thus save France."

WIDOWS' PENSIONS PLEDGE

When the cost of living justifies it, steps will be taken to increase pensions of war widows of the 1914-1918 war, states the Minister of Pensions.

PRIESTS FIGHT FOR CATHEDRAL

St. George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Southwark, London, S.E., was destroyed by fire in a recent raid. The Sacrament was saved.

Priests climbed ladders to the lofty roof of the Sanctuary, but incendiary bombs were out of reach and the fire-fighters were handicapped because they had only stirrup pumps.

The roof fire became so fierce that the priests were forced to descend. They fought the flames inside the building until soldiers made them leave because of the danger.

The Bishop's House is intact. Services are being continued in a hall adjoining the cathedral.

Store Burnt Out

Thomas Wallis, the department store in Holborn, London, founded there as a linen draper's shop in 1826, has also been burnt out.

Firemen fought the flames all night and next day, but only the tottering walls of the shop remain.

Some windows at the U.S. Embassy were broken by blast during a recent raid when an H.E. bomb fell about a hundred yards away.

Incendiaries landed on, the Embassy, but fire-watchers put them out.

The Ambassador was in the Embassy.

£300 AWARD TO BABY, 2½

A baby, 2½, was awarded £300 damages at Edmonton, London, N., County Court for the death of the mother.

The action was brought by the administrator of the estate of Miss Elizabeth Gordon, 24, munition worker, who while cycling was killed by a trailer attached to a lorry owned by Messrs. Ratcliffe and Ingham, of Miles Platting, Manchester.

The baby is Anne Gordon, of Kendal-avenue, Edmonton.

Giving his reserved judgment, Judge Gordon Alchin said Miss Gordon did not appear to have taken affiliation proceedings against the supposed father, now a soldier, but they had kept up a friendly correspondence, and a happy marriage was not beyond her horizon.

For the administrator's claim for loss of expectation of life he awarded £300, plus £44 as funeral expenses, but only £2 for pain and suffering, as Miss Gordon had been killed instantly.

SECRECY ABOUT VICARAGE RAID

A police raid on the premises of the Rev. G. H. Dymock, vicar of St. Bede, Bristol, was mentioned in the House of Commons.

Mr. Stokes (Soc., Ipswich) wanted to know if the police had reasonable ground to suspect that Mr. Dymock was taking action contrary to the public interest.

The reply was that it would not be in the public interest to make any further statement.

NO PLEASURE-CAR CUT

Asked in the Commons if he was not satisfied that the time had come when pleasure motoring should be abolished the Minister of Transport replied, "No Sir."

AMERICAN WIFE NOT WILLING TO RETURN TO BOMBS

NAZI BOMBING has put a British matrimonial problem in front of Judge Isidor Wasservogel in New York Supreme Court, and the crux is this: Is it a wife's duty to remain on duty with her husband, even in danger?

Mr. F. Hugh Treherne-Thomas, a manager at the Swansea works of Richard Thomas and Co., the big steel and tinplate manufacturers, wants his American wife to return from New York, with their two children, to their home near Swansea.

Judge Wasservogel reserved his decision recently on a suit for legal separation brought by Mrs. Treherne-Thomas.

The wife claims that her husband's letters, accusing her of not doing her duty, are "cruel, inhuman treatment."

"State Of Excitement"

She declared in the particulars of her suit that Nazi bombings have placed the "people of Great Britain in a state of excitement, tension, and apprehension."

There was, she said, "great danger, risk, and hazard of the life, welfare, and happiness of the children."

Their home at Killay, near Swansea, was continuously threatened by bombing, she added.

One of the letters said to have been sent by her husband read:

"Home No Longer"

"My home is home no longer, and never will be until you return and we can live happily together, like 46,000,000 other people, more especially with all the favours of wealth and luck that have been showered on us in providing a beautiful home and all the chances of a happy family life."

The husband's attorney pleaded for dismissal on the grounds that the New York courts have no jurisdiction.

Mr. Treherne-Thomas denied his wife's allegations.

She refused to come home, he said, despite an agreement to return promptly, after leaving England last June.

Yesterday I visited the home Fairwood Lodge, a picturesque old house, with its own home farm, about five miles from Swansea, writes a London reporter.

I found that only a few chance bombs have fallen in the district.

Evacuees There

Children evacuated from England are living there, under the care of Mr. Treherne-Thomas's mother, who keeps house for him.

Mr. Treherne-Thomas who is one of the divisional heads of the Swansea Special Constabulary, has done conspicuous service during recent air raids.

He has been much upset by his wife's action.

"I am sorry that I cannot make any statement," he said to me. "I am amazed that such an action has been filed, and I shall fight it."

A close friend of the family told me: "Last year, because of the invasion threat, Mr. Treherne-Thomas sent his wife and two children—Rhoda, aged 13, and David Hugh, aged six—to Canada."

"Mrs. Treherne-Thomas was before her marriage Miss Margaret Wherry, daughter of Mr. William Wherry, of New York."

DEFENDS SHELTER MORALS

No information has reached the Home Office, suggesting that shelters are being used for immoral purposes during all clear periods, the Under-Secretary stated in the Commons. When Public Morality Council statements were referred to he remarked: "This matter has been greatly exaggerated."

THE KING'S SYMPATHY

The King and Queen have sent their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. Houth, of Worthing, whose son, Lieutenant John James Houth, of the Fleet Air Arm, has been killed in action. He was one of two pilots on the cruiser Southampton for the royal tour of Canada.

BOYS OF 15 GET £5 A WEEK

Wiltshire boys of 15 who have only recently left school are being paid £5 a week by firms contracting to do urgent war work for the Government.

Mr. M. C. Ingram, headmaster of a Church of England school in the country, gave actual examples of wages being paid.

"Elias Andoniades, a Greek boy of 15, came to London just before the war, and was evacuated here," Mr. Ingram told me. "He learned English quickly, and left school last Christmas. He went to work immediately at an aerodrome, and has shown me pay packets containing from £4 5s to £4 15s 5d for a week's work. He spends his time loading and unloading lorries."

Another of Mr. Ingram's ex-pupils, Stanley Harris, left school last July. He is not yet 15. He went to work on camouflage nets for hangars. He showed Mr. Ingram pay packets of £3 8s, £3 10s, and £3 12s.

Then he went to work at the aerodrome and made the same amount as Andoniades. Other boys from the same school are getting similar money at this aerodrome.

Bad Effect On The Boys

"The effect on some of the boys is very bad indeed," the headmaster said. "These lads are earning a man's wages of 1s 2d an hour and double for overtime. They work on 'aturday afternoons' and Sundays, and take one day off in mid-week whenever they feel like it."

W. E. Chivers and Sons, a building firm working for the Government, are employing boys at one aerodrome.

"I cannot tell you offhand even roughly how many boys we employ," Mr. Harry Chivers said. "The numbers fluctuate so. Neither can I tell you what the boys earn. They get trade union rates, of course. But they are paid at about 20 different rates."

An instance of the way the money goes was given by the proprietor of a Wiltshire hotel, who said that a firm contracting for the Government asked him to reserve three single rooms for one night a week for their chiefs.

When he explained that he could not do this in advance and that they would have to take a chance, they engaged the three rooms with full board and kept them for five months.

"They paid a bill of about £60 a month," he said, "for dinner, bed and breakfast once a week for three men rather than telephone for accommodation, which they could always have found somewhere in the neighbourhood."

CHOC'S FOR CHILDREN M.P.

Children will hail Mr. Robert Gibson, Labour M.P. for Greenock, as their friend.

He is to ask the Food Ministry to modify priority group distribution of chocolate so as to ensure a ration of a 2d. block of chocolate a week for each child under fourteen.

AWARD FOR V.C. OF LAST WAR

Commanded "Q" Ship

A naval officer who won the V.C. in the last war is among recipients of the R.N.R. Officers' Decoration, announced in the "London Gazette."

He is Cmdr. Harold Auten. In the last war he commanded H.M.S. Stock Force, one of the "Q" ships which combated U-boats.

Decorations are announced to six officers of the aircraft carrier Illustrious which fought off German dive bombers in the Mediterranean in January, though hit seven times. The awards are:

D.S.O.: Lt. Cmdr. C. L. G. Evans.

Bar to D.S.C.: Actg. Lt. W. L. Le Cocq Barnes, Sub-Lts. (A.) I. L. Lowe and S. G. Orr, R.N.V.R. Actg. Sub-Lt. (A.) G. A. Hogg, R.N.V.R.

Other appointments and awards include:

For good services in operations off the coast of British Somaliland: O.B.E.: Lt. T. K. Morrison, H.M.A.S. Hobart.

For courage and skill in a successful attack on an Italian submarine: Bar to D.S.C.: Cmdr. R. E. Courage, H.M.S. Havock. D.S.C.: Lt. Cmdr. L. R. K. Tyrwhitt, Hasty; Lt. G. M. Chenevix-Trench, Hasty; Mr. F. L. Mills, Gunner (T.), Havock.

Fought Bomber Fire

The George Medal has been awarded to Actg. Sgt. S. Boys, who took a R.A.F. station fire tender to a bomber which had crashed in flames and extinguished the fire, though the machine was loaded with bombs and enemy aircraft were overhead.

The King has approved the following awards for gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations, squadron numbers of the recipients being given in parentheses:

D.F.C.—Wg.-Cmdr. W. P. J. Thomson (38), Sqdn.-Ldr. R. J. Gosnell (38), Lt.-Cmdr. W. E. Waters, R. N. (812), Flt.-Lts. C. G. S. Robinson (14), G. H. Steege, R.A.A.F. (3), Fly Offrs. F. C. Barrett, R.A.F.V.R. (70), M. Bryan-Smith, R.A.F.V.R. (38), L. B. Buchanan (211) and K. C. V. D. Dundas (211), Sub-Lt. E. David, R.N., Pilot Offrs. L. H. Day (38) and R. W. Pearson (811).

D.F.M.—Flt. Sgts. L. A. J. Patey (14) and A. F. Plant (38), Sgts. H. Morton (228) and E. W. Rosam, R.A.F.V.R.

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By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
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BRIDGE NOTES

WATCHING THE SPOTS

By The Four Aces

South opened a "mouse-trap" hand and thereafter could not stop his partner from going to a Slam. The outcome was a triumph of poetic justice, for South had opened the bidding because of his strong spot-cards, and it was a spot-card which gave him eventual victory.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 8 5
♥ A 4
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A K J 7 5

WEST
♠ K 10 4
♥ K 7 6 2
♦ Q 10 6 4
♣ 6 2

SOUTH
♠ J 9
♥ Q J 8 5
♦ A K J
♣ Q 10 9 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	Pass

West led a trump, fearing that any other lead would cost a trick. Dummy won with the King, and South won another trump with the nine.

Declarer then led the Queen of hearts for a finesse, holding the trick with the Queen. A low heart to the Ace produced the nine from East—the key to the successful play.

It was clear that East had either no more hearts or the lone ten of hearts. If the former, the hearts were useless; if the latter, the heart eight could be established.

South therefore returned to his hand with a high diamond to lead the Jack of hearts. West covered with the King, dummy ruffed, and East dropped the all-important ten.

South could then return to his hand with the remaining high diamond to discard dummy's last diamond on the established eight of hearts. Only a spade trick had to be lost.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 9 8 2
♥ 8
♦ J 7 6 3
♣ Q 7 4

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid one spade. Whether to make any response at all is a bit of a question, if the high-card strength is considered, but the singleton heart is a decisive factor. The chances are very good that some better contract than one heart can be found.

Score 100% for one spade, 50% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 752

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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WOMEN WORKERS ARE "STICKERS"

Mr. Watson Smyth, head of the training department of the Ministry of Labour, said at Oxford that women war workers' interest in their work had been exemplified by the way they had been known to stick to their jobs during an Alert, when the men slunk away to shelters.

Blitz Stew Is Stand-By

BLITZ STEW will be the standby in London's emergency communal feeding arrangements if the city is so severely knocked about in a raid that existing feeding arrangements fail.

Great stocks of the stew have been prepared. It has been served in the Londoners' Meal Service canteens, and in the County Hall canteen. Verdict in every case was "First rate."

First aim of the emergency feeding kitchens will be to see that everybody gets an easily-prepared and satisfying meal on which a day's work can be done.

Blitz stew is the meal. With bread and tea it has been found ideal.

On the day after a heavy raid people usually are too excited to eat much. For that day they can have blitz stew.

Stew For Sixpence

Later, when transport arrangements improve, meat can be added, turning the blitz stew into Irish stew. Milk can be added, making it richer.

Charge for the blitz stew will be sixpence. When meat is added the cost may be 8d. or 9d. Tea will be 1½d. a cup.

A kitchen which serves 200 meals can serve 1,000 blitz stew meals in four or five hours.

Off The Menu

The cut of one-seventh in milk supplies threatens the traditional pot of tea in London's tea-shops.

Manageresses have to see that all customers get milk in their tea. A jug of milk on the table runs away with too much milk. That means no more pots of tea.

But manageresses are given discretion, and they can serve pots if they think supplies will run to it.

Icecream Still

—But Less

There will be ice-cream this summer—but NOT as usual. One firm says there will be no "Stop-me-and-buy-one" men.

Some manufacturers have had their cold-storage plants taken over by the Government for food storing.

Firms still making ices are using secret recipes. One uses wheaten flour as a foundation, with sugar and fats added.

Reason for the shortage of ice-cream is the order prohibiting the use of milk in its manufacture.

Fish Trade Warned

The Food Minister threatened in the House of Lords to use compulsory powers to get proper distribution and reasonable prices for fish.

He said he was confident that dealers would sell at reasonable prices. He much preferred that the trade should act alone, but if it didn't he would know what to do.

SUPPLY OF RAZOR BLADES DOUBLED

More safety-razor blades and tinplate buckets, kettles and saucepans are to be on sale soon. The effective quota for these goods for the period June 1 to November 30 will be 50 per cent. instead of 25 per cent., the Board of Trade announced.

There are few changes in the quotas for the next restriction period. The effective quota for spring mattresses will remain at 25 per cent.

There have been difficulties in obtaining supplies of mattresses in districts affected by air raids, but quantities outside the quota will be supplied to local authorities who can equip rest centres and homeless people.

In view of the demand for cheap suitcases, especially among evacuees from bombed districts, the effective quota for goods of this class made of fibre-board will be 50 per cent. instead of 33 1-3 per cent. The effective quota for glassware and pottery will be reduced from 33 1-3 per cent. to 25 2-3 per cent.

SEAMEN HURT—HIT BY SMALL RATIONS

Treatment of six injured seamen had to be retarded because the civilian meat ration was insufficient to build up their strength.

Sir Ion Hamilton Benn revealed this to the annual court of governors of the Seamen's Hospital Society in London when urging Service rations for injured merchant seamen.

Sir Ion explained that the strength of the six seamen could not be built up sufficiently on their rations for them to do the exercises which would restore the use of their injured limbs.

Unfair Distinction

The Government, he said, contributed to the cost of treatment of merchant seamen injured by the enemy, but no State aid was received for those injured or with their health impaired by exposure or strain.

"In one bed there may be a soldier, Royal Navy sailor or airman who, through no fault of his own, has not yet encountered the enemy or endured extreme hardship. He is entitled to Service rations.

"In the next bed lies a sailor straight from a Merchant Navy ship which has been torpedoed or bombed. He is classed as a civilian casualty, or even civilian sick if, having avoided enemy attack, he has only contracted pneumonia from exposure on watch.

"He is only allowed the same rations as you or me, though he is really a front line-combatant."

T.U.C.'S CONTEMPT FOR "GO EASY"

"The time of this Congress is being wasted—the price of defeat would be that you would not even be allowed to talk about this."

In these words Mr. Charles Murdoch, vice-president of the Scottish T.U.C., at Dunoon, condemned a Greenock resolution urging the workers to dissociate themselves from the Churchill Government.

"Certain organisations," he said, "are asking our lads now fighting to take things easier so that the Government can be changed."

"Man for man, our people can win this war, but to win it we must also have gun for gun, tank for tank, and plane for plane. The only people who can provide these are those in the trade union movement."

"For heaven's sake do not stop now. Our lads are up against it. I hope Congress will treat this move with the ridicule and the contempt it deserves."

The Greenock resolution was defeated by a large majority.

By George MacManus

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Eggs Are Plentiful--Let's Use Them Freely

Suggests Dorothy Greig

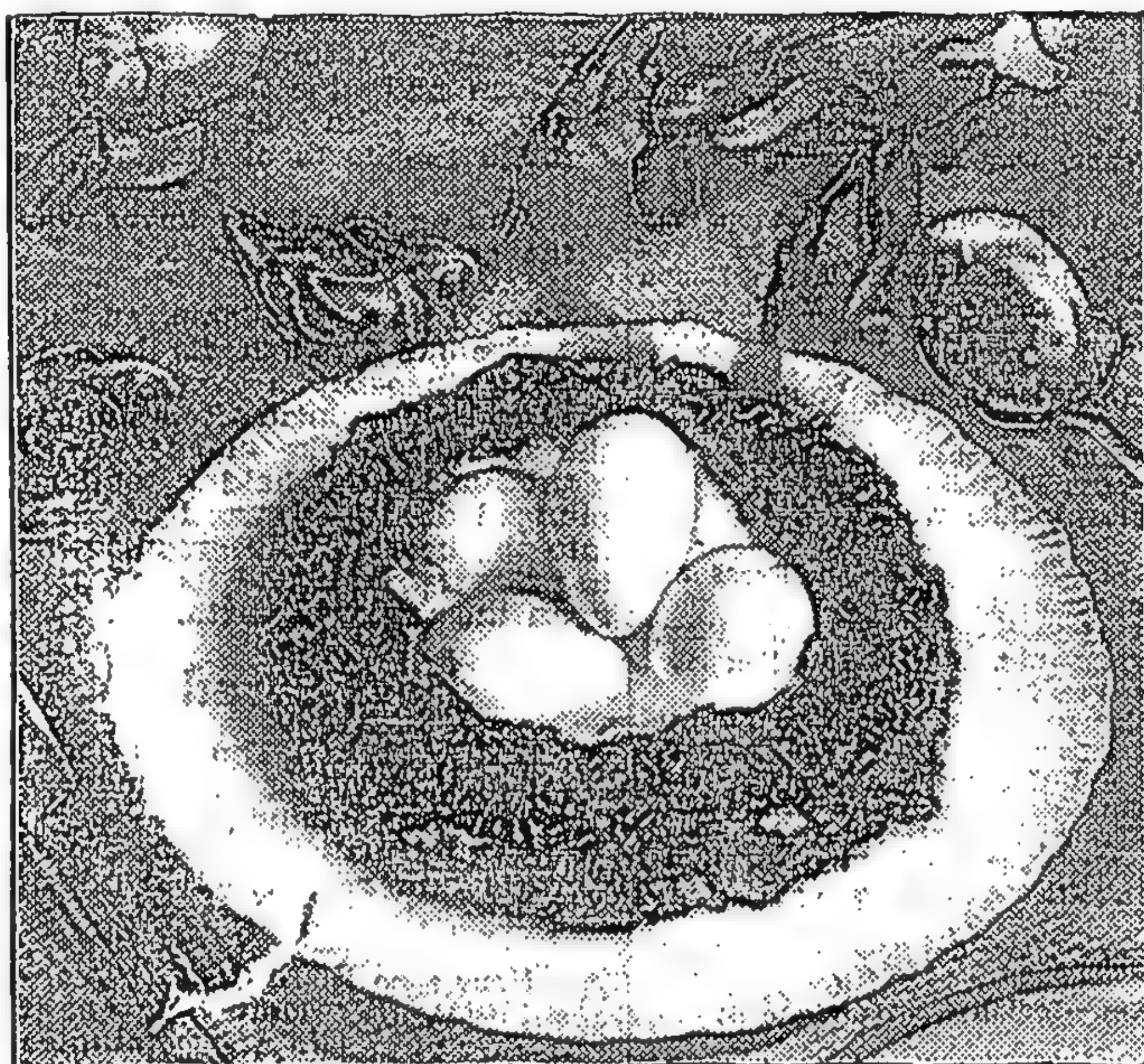
Lives there the woman who hasn't at one time or another said, "With eggs in the house, I can always put a meal together." And that is certainly the case.

Eggs fit into any meal-breakfast, lunch, dinner or supper. Eggs are highly nutritious—and without waste. Everybody likes eggs, and eggs like everybody. Right now with Mrs. Hen on a mass production basis, it's the perfect time to serve eggs even more frequently, and to use them freely in cooking.

Recently I evolved a new way of serving eggs for lunch or supper that is really delicious. It's fun to serve, too, because it looks like eggs in a nest. This is the way it goes—and you'll like its delicate cheese sauce:

Creamed Whole Eggs in Cheese Sauce

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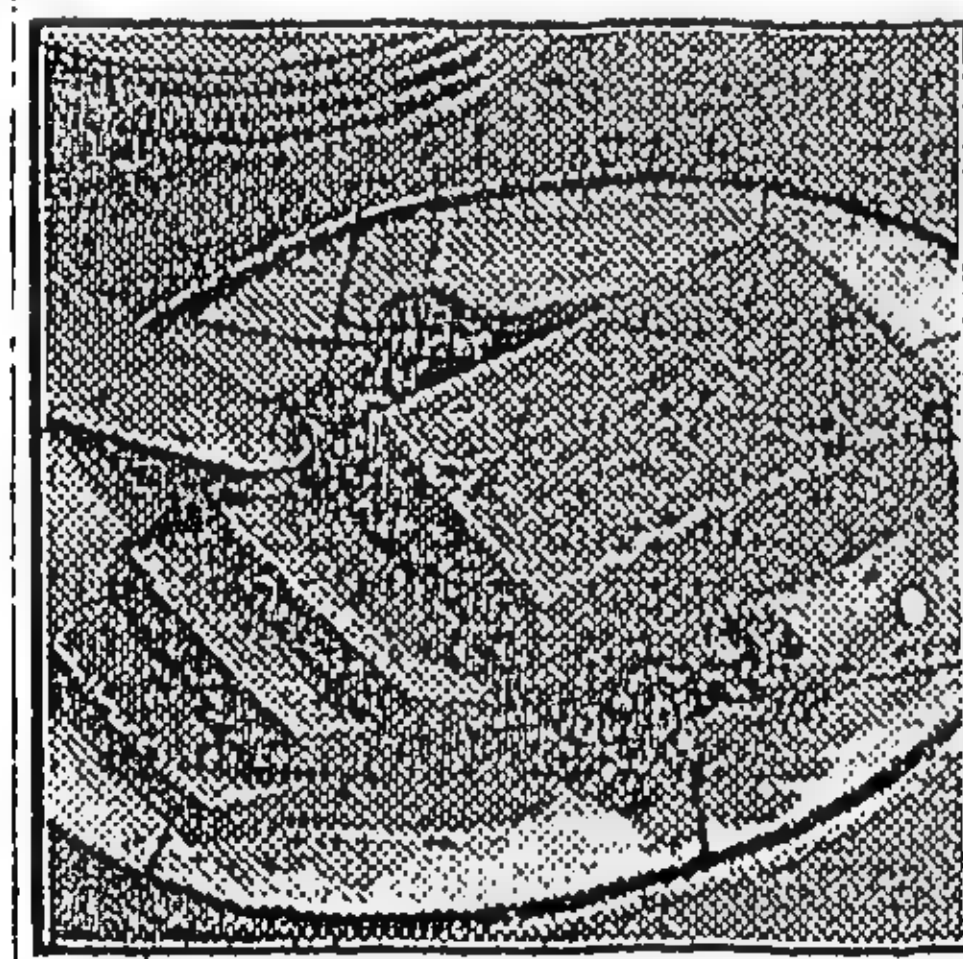


A spinach ring filled with whole eggs in cheese sauce is a delicious lunch or supper dish.

Fish-Mushroom LOAF

by Dorothy Greig

THE big solemn gaze of my small fry, visitor watched me as I turned out this loaf and started to slice it. "It's tidy, isn't it?" she observed. That seemed an odd but amusingly accurate way to describe the tuna loaf. For it does slice down neatly without breaking or shedding crumbs.



It might be called a Surprise Loaf because while made of tuna fish its flavor resembles chicken. Then, too, the condensed soup gives a subtle mingling of mushroom flavor through and through. Serve this loaf cold or hot. It's good either way!

1 can tuna fish (7 oz. size)
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
1 tablespoon pimiento, chopped
1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
3 eggs
Put the tuna fish in a strainer and run hot water over it to take out the extra oil, then put the moist through the food chopper, using the small blade. Soak the bread crumbs in the 1/2 cup milk. Then combine tuna fish, bread crumbs with milk, pimiento, parsley, onion, cream of mushroom soup, and eggs and mix thoroughly. Put into a well-greased loaf pan and bake in a moderate oven (375° F.) for 50-60 minutes. Slice, or loaf 7"x3"x2 1/2". Serves 6-7.

boiling water. Pour cold water over eggs and remove shells immediately and put whole peeled eggs into warm water so as to keep warm before putting into the sauce.

Cheese Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
2 ounces mild cheese

Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir well, then add milk, and finely sliced or grated cheese. Heat until the cheese is melted. Pour the cheese sauce over the hot hard-cooked eggs.

Serve in a spinach ring—or a rice ring, if you prefer.

And then, of course, there is omelet. We all have our favorite way of serving it. Here's mine—all fixed up with a zippy sauce, and fit to set before a king.

The Omelet

6 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
Pinch of pepper
3 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons butter

Beat the eggs until well mixed; then add seasonings and water and mix again. Melt the butter in a pan and place over a moderate flame. Pour eggs in pan and as the omelet cooks, lift the edges and tip the pan so that the uncooked egg flows under the cooked portion of the omelet. When bottom is browned, put three tablespoons of Ham and Tomato Sauce in the omelet and fold over or roll. Serve omelet on a platter or plate and put more sauce over or around it. Serves 3-4.

The Ham and Tomato Sauce

2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 clove garlic
1 medium size onion chopped
3/4 cup boiled ham or prepared ham loaf
1 can condensed tomato soup
1 teaspoon sugar

Cook the very finely sliced garlic and chopped onion in the cooking oil, until soft, about 10 minutes. Then add ham cut in narrow strips about 3/4 inch long, cover and cook slowly for 10 more minutes. Add the tomato soup and sugar and cook until flavours are well blended.



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"The bugle call may be music to some of the fellows' ears," says the gay young blade, "but to him it's just a lot of jarring notes."

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—An Accordion Concert with Harry Torrani (Yodeller).

Hit Medley—Intro: Roses in December; Nice work if you can get it; Harlem Bolero; You took the words right out of my heart; The girl in the Alice Blue Gown; On Linger Longer Island... George Scott-Wood and his Accordion Band with Vocal Refrain.

Dan, Dan, The Yodelling Man (Torrani)... Harry Torrani (Yodeller) accompanying himself on the Guitar.

Kronjong Succession (arr. Hodlars)... The Hodlars (Harmonica duet).

Sitting in a Jail House (Torrani)... Harry Torrani (Yodeller) accompanying himself on the Guitar.

The Hobgoblin—Polka (Alex)... Walter Porschmann (Accordion) with Orchestral accompaniment.

Yodeller's Dream Girl (Torrani)... Harry Torrani (Yodeller) accompanying himself on the Guitar.

Dainty Debutante (Scott-Wood); Kitten on the Keys (Confrey)... George Scott-Wood & his Accordion Band.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Announcements.

1.02 p.m.—Welsh Songs.

The Stars in Heaven are Bright; She Must Be Mine (Trad.); David of the White Rock; The Vale of Llangollen (Trad.)... Ben Morgan (Tenor) with Piano accomp.

Tlitrwm, Tlitrwm: Sleep thou, my pretty child; Where are you going to?; The Bittern from the Banna (Welsh Folk Songs)... Mable Parry (Soprano) with Piano.

1.15 p.m.—The Viennese Waltz Orchestra. Immortal Strauss (A Medley of Strauss Waltzes). Charles Ancilffe Waltz Medley.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements. 6/8 One Step—Let the Bands Play. Fox-Trot—My Greatest Mistake... Slow Fox-Trot—It May Be. Quickstep—I've Got a Pocketful of Dreams (film 'Sing you Sinners'). Waltz—A Gift from Heaven. 6/8 One Step—Follow the White Line. Fox-Trots—My Heart Belongs to Daddy; My Last Year's Gal; I Can't Give You Anything But Love.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music. Slow Fox-Trot—Little Curly Hair in a High Chair (film 'Forty Little Mothers'); Quickstep—Meet the Sun Half-Way... Billy Cotton & his Band.

Fox-Trots—Rock Island Flag Stop; When Buddha Smiles... The Casa Loma Orchestra.

Tangos—Noche de Reves; Che Papusa Oil... Gerald & his Gaucho Tango Orchestra.

Quickstep—Sing a Song of Sunbeams (film 'East side of Heaven'); Slow Fox-Trot—That Sly Old Gentleman (film 'East side of Heaven')... Ambrose & his Orchestra.

Swing Fox-Trots—Weary Blues; Washboard Blues... Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—This Is New; Jenny (both from film 'Lady in the Dark')... Leo Reisman & his Orchestra.

Waltz—Someday I'll Find You (film 'Private Lives')... Leo Reisman & his Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Comedienne—Brother Jack—A Message from Mum; Gert and Daisy—Won't We 'Ave a Party When It's Over... Elsie & Doris Waters.

Vocal—The Little Mountain Cabin (Kennedy & Carr)... The Hill Billies.

Comedian—What! The Old Blue Penell? (Evans & Others); Yee Can't 'Elp Laughin' (Warner)... Jack (Blue Penell) Warner with Orchestra.

Vocal—Wandering Shoes (Hill Billies)... The Hill Billies.

Comedienne—Gert, Daisy and the Knot-Hole (Waters)... Elsie & Doris Waters.

Vocal—Nobody's Darlin' But Mine (Davis)... The Hill Billies.

Comedian—I Didn't Order A. E. It (Warner)... Jack Warner.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's Operas.

"Ruddigore"—Sir Rupert Mutgatrody Dorothy Gill & Chorus of Girls.

CROSS LEFT A SIGN ON LAWN

(By A Special Correspondent)

The lawn was a carpet between the rectory and the old church, a strip of green in crowded London, with daffodils growing sparsely at its edges.

To-day, slashed across the lawn, burned into the earth by flames that German bombs started, is the symbol of the nation's faith, the Cross.

It wasn't a famous church, those who preached from its pulpit didn't get their name in the papers and fashionable brides were never married there, but it played its part in the lives of the people whose homes and world and pleasure pressed in upon it and its quiet lawn.

So when the first flames began to lick up the sides of the square tower, men and women looked up and spoke of it as "our church," and others joined them as they ran to help in the job of saving it.

Cross Aflame

There were plenty of helpers, but the incendiaries had fallen where it was impossible to get at them and the flames swept along, across the span of the roof, through the floors of the tower.

And on top of the tower was the great wooden cross.

Soon it was all aflame, and as the fire ate through its base it swayed, then broke away, poised in the air for a moment as though the rolling smoke clouds were giant hands that held it, and so plunged down, a sword of fire, into the heart of the green lawn, to print its shape and its message upon the scorched earth.

Font Saved

As the church burned and bombs were falling the helpers saved many things the eagle lectern, the plate, the altar front, some of the records of baptism, marriage, death.

Four men lifted the 300-year-old font, risked much to get it to safety, and in a few minutes saw beams crash down and smash it to pieces.

The bells rang their last peal

If Somebody There Chanced to Be... Muriel Dickson (Soprano).

"The Mikado"—Our Great Mikado... George Baker & Chorus of Men; Young Man, Despair... Leo Sheffield, Derek Oldham & George Baker; And Have I Journey'd... Derek Oldham & Leo Sheffield.

"Patience"—Love is a Plaintive Song... Winifred Lawson (Soprano).

"The Yeomen of the Guard"—Comes the Pretty Young Bride... Full Company; Leonard, My Loved One... Winifred Lawson, Derek Oldham, George Baker, & Chorus.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Rehara at the Piano. Rhythm of the Rain, Intro: "Valentine"; I Was Lucky (both from "The Man from Folles Bergere"); Miracles Sometimes Happen (Ray Noble); Variations on "Tipperary" (Williams & Judge).

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. Ball At The Savoy—Selection (Abramham); Three Ballet Tunes; The Leap Year Waltz (both from Novelletto's "The Dancing Years").

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Songs by Evelyn Laye (Soprano) & Richard Crooks (Tenor). Gipsy Moon (Borganoff); Just To Linger In Your Arms (Arnold); Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orch.

When I Grow Too Old To Dream; The Night Is Young (both from film "The Night Is Young")... Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—A Rachmaninoff Programme. Polichinelle; Prelude in B Flat... Left Polichinelle (Piano). Symphony No. 3 in A Minor, Op. 44—1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Adagio ma non troppo; 3rd Mov: Allegro... Sorrel Rachmaninoff conducting the Philadelphia Orch.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

New Altar

To-day the church seems dead, roofless, its tower stubbed down to half its height, its eight strong pillars broken off.

Wisps of smoke rise from the deep rubble, are caught by the wind sweeping through the ruin of the walls.

But already the aisle has been cleared and again is a pathway to the altar. Already an altar has been built, of seared bricks and broken stones piled one on another to form a rough table.

For on Sunday the church is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the present building.

The choir will walk round the wreck of their church as they sing the Litany, will pause at the foot of the Cross that is burned into the little green lawn.

And the sparse daffodils will sway in the wind, and the church will be alive again.

WOMEN'S PLEA TO MINISTER

Some 10,000 British-born women in this country have lost their nationality because they are married to foreigners, 1,500 of them to Germans or Austrians. To urge the restoration of their rights a deputation of 25 women saw Mr. Osbert Peake, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Home Office.

They were led by Mrs. Patrick Ness, president of the National Council of Women, and represented 11 women's societies.

The plight of denationalised women was put by one of the speakers, Mrs. Isabel Donze, secretary of the Nationality of Married Women Committee.

She herself is a victim of the law's anomalies, because as the wife of an American she is no longer British, and, since she has never been able to establish an American residence, she cannot acquire United States nationality.

Cannot Own A Bicycle

"They cannot move more than five miles from their homes without a police permit. They must not enter restricted areas. They are not allowed to own a bicycle or a wireless set."

"I myself could not get a passport in peace time, and before I could pay a visit to Copenhagen I had to get a friend of mine, a peer, to vouch for me."

"But foreign women married to Englishmen are not restricted at all. Our view is that before they receive British nationality they should satisfy the same conditions as apply to naturalised aliens. They should live here for a year and prove a knowledge of our laws, language and customs."

"It is only since 1870 that Englishwomen have lost their nationality on marriage to a foreigner, and in the last 22 years 19 countries, including the United States have reformed their laws. We are urging that women should have the right to choose whether they will keep their British nationality when they marry."

BOYS NOT TO DO MEN'S WORK

Boys who are earning high wages clearing away debris in London may soon find labour exchanges taking a special interest in them, for the London Regional Advisory Council for Juvenile Employment has told the exchanges that it does not consider this is suitable work for boys.

The Restriction on Engagement Order requires employers needing such workers to employ them only through the exchanges, who can therefore take action against employers who do not consult them, and can use their influence with those who do.

An official of the Council stated:—"This sort of work leads a lad nowhere and it does him no good physically, because he is doing a man's work before he is fit for it."

"The exchanges have no power to prevent such employment, but the order does give us a measure of control."

"The trouble has increased because of the shortage of labour. In normal times there was no need to restrict the hours of work of juveniles in this kind of job, because no juveniles were employed in it. So now there is nothing to prevent their working long hours, and by doing so they can earn high wages."

"We find that a number of lads are taken on for this work at men's wages without any approach to the Exchange. In some cases they creep in by oversight and their ages are later revealed by their employment books. In other cases, foremen have just slipped them in."

"It is rather difficult to discover those cases of boys who were deliberately taken on without reference to the Exchange."

A boy earning £5 a week all the year through would pay £27 Income Tax.

YACHTSMEN'S GIFT

Lord Queenborough, Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, has been asked to accept a travelling kitchen from commodores of yacht clubs in the United States. The sum of £3,000 was raised, and the gift is intended for use at the ports.

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JUDGE AND WOMAN'S CLOTHES

Mr. Justice Cassels, in the King's Bench, questioned a woman about her "somewhat expensive investment" in clothes.

She was Mrs. Kate Powell, Wigton Hall, Wigton, Cumberland. She is suing Mr. Walter Joseph Reid, of the Royal Automobile Club, for £575 7s. 6d. under an agreement made between them on June 19 last.

Mrs. Powell is claiming for the loss of her car and personal possessions when helping Mr. Reid and his wife to escape from France at the time of the collapse last June.

Mr. Justice Cassels remarked that Mrs. Powell's claim included "a considerable sum" for clothes and asked, "How much did you spend on clothes before your husband died?"

Mrs. Powell replied, "I don't know, but my husband was getting cross." She added that her Italian dressmaker was a wonderful woman and the clothes she bought were to last her the rest of her life.

Mr. Justice Cassels adjourned the hearing.

MANNEQUIN WIFE AND RICH MAN

A decree nisi, with costs, was granted by Mr. Justice Hodson in the Divorce Court recently in favour of Mr. Philip Henry Riseley, R.N.V.R., on the ground of the adultery of his wife, Eleanor Mary Maxwell, with Mr. Charles Lee, partner in a firm of metal brokers. Damages of £1,500 were awarded against the correspondent, whose evidence was given on commission in New York.

Mr. Justice, Hodson, giving judgment, said that the husband was a man of moderate means, and his wife was said to be tall and attractive. She worked as a mannequin and was stated to be fond of gaiety.

Mr. Lee's financial position was obviously superior to that of Mr. Riseley. It was difficult to ascertain to what extent Mr. Lee's display of wealth influenced Mrs. Riseley, but she seemed to have been carried away by the glamour which he was able to give out.

PRISONERS' PARCELS BY SEA

The first shipload of British Red Cross parcels for prisoners of war left Lisbon for Marseilles recently under the new escort system agreed to between Britain and Germany through the medium of the International Red Cross.

Under this system each vessel will carry aboard a representative of the International Red Cross as escort and supercargo. He will make the seven days' voyage to Marseilles, supervise the discharge of the mailbags and return in the same ship to Lisbon.

Four Swiss have arrived in London to undertake these duties, but, as each will be away more than a fortnight, additional controllers will be needed to maintain a frequent and regular service.

As recently reported, letters from camps indicate that parcels are now arriving more satisfactorily. A few are still being sent overland via Spain, but the sea route is regarded by the Red Cross as speedier and more reliable.

CREDITORS PAID OUTSIDE COURT

Witnesses at the court-martial of an officer in London recently testified that they had been paid money due to them outside the court.

Sec. Lt. Philip Arthur Wilkinson, of the R.A.S.C., was found not guilty on 10 of 19 charges relating to cheques which it was alleged were returned when presented to his bank. The decision of the court on the remaining charges and on a charge of drunkenness, to which Sec. Lt. Wilkinson pleaded guilty, will be announced.

For the defence, it was stated that Sec. Lt. Wilkinson had been foolish and unbusinesslike, but there was no element of scandal. Every penny of the money involved had been paid that morning.

WAR TIME ONE-FLOOR HOUSES

The results of a competition which may be a pointer to post-war housing design has been sent in booklet form by the Royal Institute of British Architects to all housing committees in the country.

The competition, held last September, was for industrial housing designs in war-time, and the buildings were to be planned for peacetime use and to give adequate A.R.P. protection.

A total of 159 designs were submitted. The winners of the first prize, J. G. Ledebor and George Fairweather, of London, proposed a single-storey building which gave complete protection in the sleeping area, and could be completed with a second storey after the war.

Also illustrated in the booklet, which is published at 2s, are plans for estates which could be readily camouflaged against aerial detection and which would not be out of place in the post-war countryside.



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Billiards And Snooker Exhibition For War Fund

IT IS LEARNED FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT SALE OF TICKETS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER GAMES IN AID OF THE BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND, TO BE PLAYED AT CLUB DE RECREIO TO-MORROW EVENING, HAS GONE VERY ENCOURAGINGLY AND THERE IS EVERY REASON TO HOPE THAT THE STANDS, SPECIALLY ERECTED IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE CLUB FOR THE OCCASION, WILL BE PACKED TO CAPACITY.

In order that spectators may have the best possible view of the game, the committee in charge of arrangements have moved the table to the centre of the hall and everything is set for a very successful evening.

The programme for the night will be:

BILLIARDS
A. J. Osmund v E. D. Bush
(Colony) (formerly of Shanghai)

SNOOKER
A. P. Pereira v M. N. Rakusen
(Unofficial Colony) (Civil Service)

EXHIBITION OF TRICK SHOTS
C. Terran, European Y.M.C.A.

In view of the widespread interest taken in the games, we give below thumbnail sketches of the players concerned.

A J OSMUND, Colony champion since 1923, won his first title in 1921

WASS' GOLF WIN

At Happy Valley on Tuesday, D. Wass beat J. W. MacDonald by 1 up, at the 18th hole, in the Final of the Hong Kong Police Handicap Golf Competition, for the Kent Cup. MacDonald conceded a handicap of three strokes to his opponent.

MacDonald, who had been winner of this tournament since 1930, has been in the final every year following his arrival here in 1930. Prior to coming to Hong Kong, he played a good deal of golf in the north of Scotland and in 1934 was in the semi-final of the Northern Championship. He has, in addition, won a number of club tournaments and also many Summer competitions.

One of the skips in Third Division of the Lawn Bowls League, for Police R.C., MacDonald played in the Dufftown championship in 1935. Winning the singles championship. He won five other competition prizes the same year, and had the misfortune of having to withdraw from the Scottish Highland Pairs Championship after he had reached the Fourth Round when his partner fell ill.

WATER-POLO RESULTS

Two matches were played in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament yesterday.

ARMY POOL
Combined Small Units beat Navy "C" 4-1. MacDonald (2) Knightley and Thorley scored for C.S.U. and Hall for Navy.

ROYAL SCOTS shared four goals with 865th R.A. Hunter and Davidson scored for Royals and Pidgeon and Langridge for 865th.

TO-DAY'S WATER POLO GAMES

Following is to-day's Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament programme:

At the Army Pool
European Y.M.C.A. v 36th Battery, R.A. (7.15 p.m.)

Navy "A" v Royal Scots "A" (7.45 p.m.)

Royal Corps of Signals v Middlesex "A" (8.15 p.m.)

At the Y.M.C.A. Pool
R. Navy "B" v Combined Small Units (7.10 p.m.)

Navy "C" v Royal Scots "B" (7.45 p.m.)
Middlesex "B" v 805th Battery, R.A. (8.15 p.m.)

from P. A. Yvanovich who recaptured the crown the following year, only to lose it again in 1923 when they clashed for the third time in the final of the Colony Championship. Osmund is a left-handed player and has a large variety of strokes at his command. Highest break in his career is 207, made some years ago, and he has over 100 three-figure breaks to his credit. Has represented Hong Kong in Inter-territory matches against Shanghai and as recently as last month made a break of 150.

Break Of 186

E. D. BUSH, who has often been called the former Shanghai champion, never actually won the title, though he was in the final four times, on each occasion losing to C. W. Porter by a few points in games of 2,000 up. Bush was captain of the Thirty Club and also Lusitano Club teams that won the Shanghai Billiards League and has played Interport for that port. Highest break is 186, and has over 100 three-figure breaks to his credit. Bush has won many club titles in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Hankow and has also played against world-famous cueists.

Osmund's Protege

A P PEREIRA, more popularly known as "Spotty", learned his snooker at the Palace Hotel where he received useful instruction from L. L. Goldenberg. When Osmund, Colony billiards champion, saw the promise shown by this youngster, he took him under his wing, and ever since Pereira has gone from strength to strength. Won his first title at Catholic Union Club in 1933 and when they won the Steel, Coulson League in 1935 and 1936 Pereira has a member of both teams. Pereira has also represented Volunteer Defence Corps in the Soldiers' Club League which they won four times and were runners-up three years. Best break is 54, made at Recreio last year, and three times this year he has met Cpl. Harvey, Army champion, in exhibition games, winning all three of them. Best billiards break is 135.

Elusive Century

M. N. RAKUSEN, has been one of the leading snooker players at Kowloon Cricket Club and Civil Service C.C. over a number of years. He is very interested in both billiards and snooker and was both hon. secretary and president of the now defunct Hong Kong Billiards Association. His highest break at snooker is 36 and at billiards 90. In connection with the latter game, it is of interest to note that though Rakusen has passed the 90 mark on several occasions, the 100 has up till the present remained elusive. Other interests include lawn bowls at which he is the present Colony champion, winning the title from M. R. Abbas last year.

One Hour Game

The billiards exhibition will be of one hour duration instead of 300 up as originally arranged. Both players, in present form, can knock up 300 points in a very short time.

After the exhibition there will be a jazz-ball competition, open to all.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:

P.O.R.C. (2) v A.T.C.
C.C.C. v P.O.R.C. (1)
S.C.A.A. v J.N.C.
C.H.O. v C.B.A.
K.I.T.C. v I.R.C.

S.C.A.A.—C. M. Tsang and S. B. Yau; W. H. Mok and P. Y. Kwok; K. C. Wong and S. L. Chung.

C.B.A.—T. Tomashevsky and D. T. Smith; N. Whitley and V. C. Bond; B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert.

C.H.O.—T. M. Wong and T. Y. Liang; L. N. Tsang and T. J. Choi; C. Y. Tso and Chan Yiu.

I.R.C.—M. Hassan and K. Nazarin; M. S. Hassan and M. I. Razaek; G. Singh and A. J. Sultad.

P.O.R.C. (1)—S. S. Chim and S. K. Chim; K. W. Wong and Y. S. Fung; W. Morrison and J. Howlett.

P.O.R.C. (2)—Chan Chung and Lai Fat; D. Leonard and A. G. MacPherson; K. K. Tso and C. C. Lam.

C.C.C.—K. M. Au and C. M. Lee; M. C. Hung and T. K. Lin; Y. C. Mok and P. C. Yuo.

ELECTRIC WIN

In a friendly floodlight lawn bowls match last night, at Ming Yuen, Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club beat Lane Crawford's by 67 shots to 49. Scores—R. A. Owens, A. G. Everett, C. E. Gahagan, J. F. Lunny (Elec.) beat A. J. Prata, G. Edgar, G. Tanner, E. C. Fincher 24-20; W. E. Macfarlane, R. W. Smith, A. G. Gardner, L. de Rome (Elec.) beat E. Baker, H. Burson, S. Carr, A. B. Harrison 18-10; J. Roscoe, W. Baker, A. F. Paul, J. K. Sloan (Elec.) beat W. Banner, J. Lodge, W. C. F. Ogley, G. E. Zimmerman 23-13.

FAVOURITE'S IRISH DERBY SUCCESS

The Irish Derby, in which there were 10 runners, was won yesterday by Mr. John Dillon's Soloreins, ridden by G. Wells, with Sir Percy Loraine's Khoro second and Mr. H. Hartigan's Etoll de Lyons third. E. M. Quirie rode Khoro and Joe Canty took out Etoll de Lyons.

The winner is the son of Hyperion, which also sired last week's English Newmarket Derby winner, Owen Tudor.

Soloreins was the favourite, at 9 to 4, with Khoro second favourite at 3 to 1. Odds on the third horse were 8 to 1.

Soloreins won by a length with 4 lengths between second and third. The English challengers, Easy Chair and Lychota, were not in the picture.—Reuter.

CHAMPIONS MEET REST

The champions of the recently completed "Kin Shing Cup" Basketball League (on roller skates), Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union, will meet a team representing The Rest of the League, in an exhibition match at Kowloon Skating Rink on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m. The Rest team has not yet been selected.

On the same afternoon, the management of the Rink has arranged a hockey match between Middlesex and the Rink, while an exhibition of fancy skating will also be given later in the afternoon.

Luke Hamlin's arrangement with Brooklyn calls for the pitcher to collect a bonus of \$200 for each game he wins until he has 10. Thereafter, the right-hander gets prize money at the rate of \$400 a victory. His basic salary is only \$5,000, half of what he drew last season.

Hank Gowdy, first major leaguer to volunteer in World War I, asks fans to ease up on cracks about ball players rejected for the army because of physical reasons. "A man should be physically fit for military service," says the Cincinnati coach. "In baseball, a man with a physical handicap often can meet the game's demands because he is not continually in action as is the case in the army."

EASIER GOLF

TURN LEFT SHOULDER AROUND By Best Ball

In order to gain a relaxed stroke the various muscles must co-ordinate properly in their movements. Freedom of action is curtailed for instance if the left shoulder fails to turn aside—out of the path of the stroke. When the right side finds it necessary to press the left shoulder out of the way, the shot is not only going to lack smoothness but it is also likely to lack accuracy and distance. True the golfer is not always able to recognise whether his left shoulder has turned aside or not. So the next time one feels that he is failing to put punch into the shot, that he is failing to contact the ball with the centre of the club-face, let him look to the left shoulder. Further symptom of trouble here is a lifting stroke which gives the ball a hooking tendency.

The solution lies in turning the left shoulder back quickly to its address position on

BOWLS CHANGES FOR LEAGUE MATCHES ON SATURDAY

A NOTABLE ABSENTEE FROM RECREIO "A's" LEAGUE BOWLS TEAM THIS WEEK IS C. G. SILVA WHO, AS REPORTED IN THESE COLUMNS YESTERDAY, WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN LEAGUE BOWLS AGAIN THIS SEASON. HIS PLACE IS BEING TAKEN BY H. A. ALVES AS SKIP.

J. Luz and C. E. Marques, selected as the first two men to Silva for their postponed game last week, will retain their positions with Alves, who will have J. E. Noronha as No. 3. Last week Alves and Noronha were selected as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively to F. X. Silva.

There are no changes in R. F. Luz's rink, but F. X. Silva will have C. M. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in the places of Alves and Noronha. Last week Ribeiro, who was a doubtful starter, was chosen as No. 3 to Carlos Silva, while C. M. Silva, selected as No. 3 to J. J. Basto in Recreio "B" last Saturday has received promotion.

Two of the three Recreio "B" rinks—those led by L. J. Silva and A. P. Gutierrez—remain intact. C. A. Lopes, selected as No. 3 to J. R. Soares in Second Division last week, comes into the side in place of C. M. Silva as No. 3 to J. J. Basto, Silva having gone to the "A" team.

In Third Division there are a number of changes. P. Yvanovich will have H. R. Pinna and A. A. Roza as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in place of F. X. Monteiro and M. E. Pinna. Monteiro goes to M. A. Carvalho's rink as No. 3 in place of A. F. Noronha, while Pinna is given a rink instead of the absent M. A. Alarcon. The latter had G. A. Pinna, E. A. R. Alves and M. Mendonca selected as his front men last week, but Pinna will have a new No. 2 in L. A. Rosario, Alves being an absentee.

H.K.F.C. Changes

Hong Kong Football Club, whose match against Prison Officers on June 14 was postponed on account of wet weather, have made two changes for their match against Talkoo this weekend.

In W. Gill's rink J. M. Thomson replaces J. S. Howell as lead, while J. D. Thomson goes to No. 3 to W. Macfarlane in place of C. F. Needham, who is an absentee this week. There are no changes in K. S. Robertson's rink from that selected against P.O.C.

There are also several changes in the Football Club Third Division team which lost to C.C.C. in the only League match played last Saturday.

In G. S. Grayer's rink J. Hempsey takes the place of the promoted J. M. Thomson as No. 2. J. Russell, who was No. 2 to Mansell last week, will skip a rink comprising F. Anslow, J. Raiston and S. Strange. Last week, when Strange was skip, he had Anslow and Raiston playing Nos. 2 and 3 to him respectively. There is only one

change in Mahsell's rink this week. C. Carr coming in to take the place of Russell at No. 2.

H.K.C.C. Reshuffle

There is only one change in the H.K.C.C. team selected for last week. In A. W. Brown's rink P. J. A. Hamilton, selected as No. 3 last week, is an absentee this time, his place being taken by R. A. Edwards, selected as No. 2 last week, while P. S. Cassidy will be No. 2 instead of skip in the Third Division team.

There has been a great deal of reshuffling in this club's Third Division team. A. S. Mitchell, who had B. J. Lacon, L. E. N. Ryan and H. F. Shields as his front men for their postponed fixture last week, will now lead a rink comprising P. Morrison, T. C. Monaghan and E. Hospes. A. McKellar comes into the team as skip in place of Cassidy, who has been promoted, and his front men will be D. J. Valentine, W. R. Lambert and H. A. Angus. Those chosen to play for Cassidy last week were H. B. Beddow, W. R. Lambert and F. A. Cox. The 100 per cent. E. S. Abraham will lead a four made up of H. B. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan and E. S. Doughty. The third rink selected for last week was made up of D. J. Valentine, R. J. Shrigley, E. S. Doughty and A. Nissim.

One Police Change

Police R.C. have only made one change from the team that was selected for their game last Saturday. The rinks led by J. Shepherd and W. Mair are intact, but in E. G. Post's four C. E. Willerton is replaced by J. Forrest as No. 1.

In Third Division there are no changes in the rinks skipped by J. C. Aitken and J. MacDonald. In A. E. Carey's four, however, L. C. Penholl comes in as lead in place of E. Greenwood.

K.B.G.C. "A" Intact

There are no changes in the Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" team, and in the "B" team two rinks are intact.

Guy's rink has three new players in Elphick and Bower, who have been promoted from Third Division and who will be seen as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively, and H. Spang, who will play as lead in place of F. Scard. A. Morton and E. Atkins are absentees this week.

In H. Nish's Third Division rink J. A. Fraser returns to the rink as lead while last week's lead, C. Langley, will be seen as No. 2 to K. C. Hamilton. W. M. Wilson is C. Wallis' new lead, while J. S. Duffin, erstwhile lead, has gone to No. 2 in place of Bower.

All the Kowloon Bowling Green Club matches on Saturday will start at 4 p.m.

Following are some of the teams selected:

KOWLOON B.G.C.

First Division ("A") v Recreio "A" (Away)

G. W. Deacon, E. Lovett, W. L. Walker and A. M. Holland (skip).

L. Sykes, H. Lockhart, H. White and A. J. Hall (skip).

R. P. Phillips, A. Hyde-Lay, H. E. Drow and J. McKelvie (skip).

First Division ("B") v P.R.C. (Away)

W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, W. McNeill and R. Duncan (skip).

P. A. Peckham, H. Bicknell, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (skip).

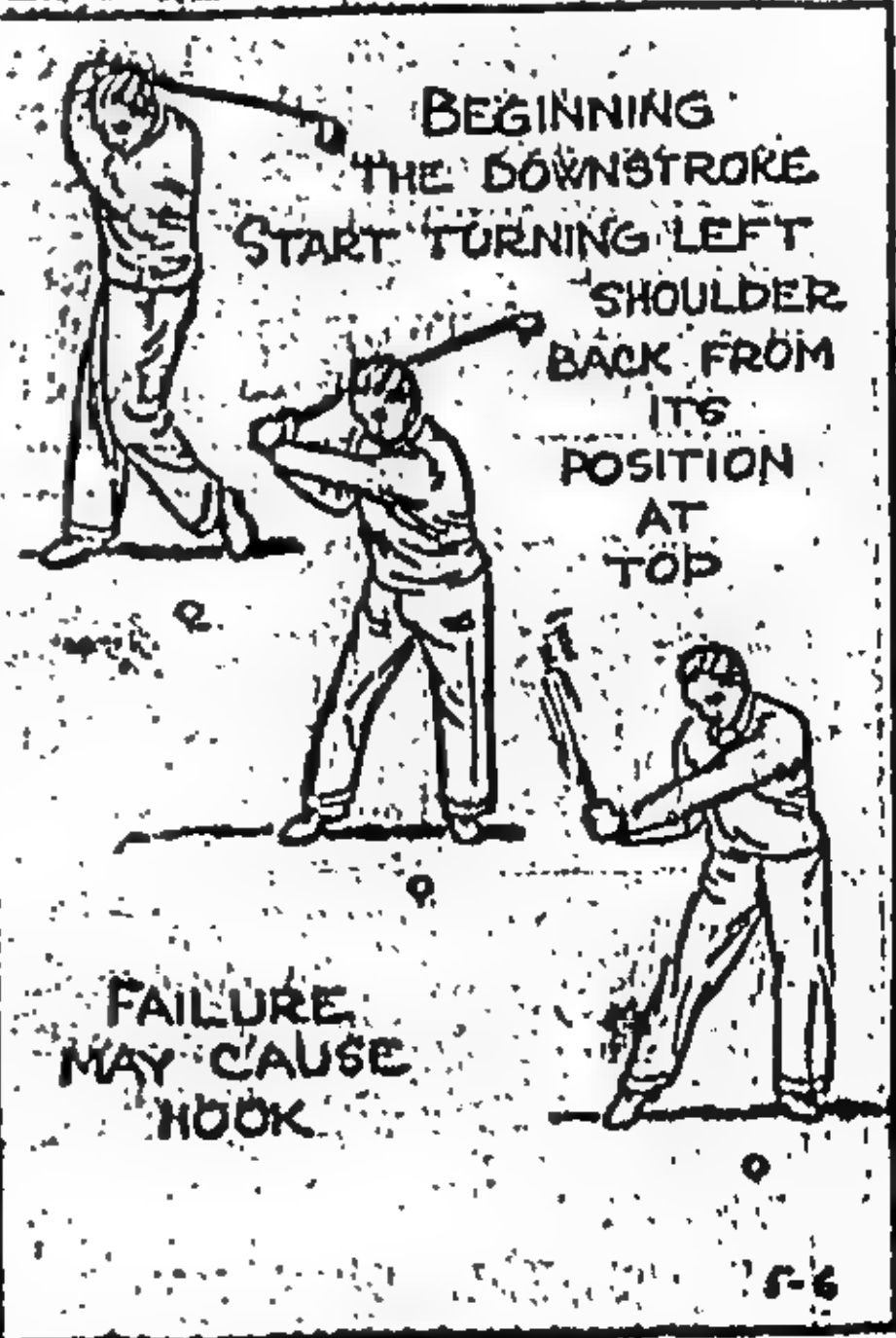
H. Spang, G. W. Elphick, A. Bower and I. Guy (skip).

Third Division (v H.K.F.C. Home)

J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Scario and H. Nish (skip).

W. M. Wilson, J. S. Duffin, G. E. F. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip).

B. C. Walker, C. E. Langley, L. A. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (skip).



the down-swing. In fact the left shoulder turn from the top of the swing may be identified in many instances as the actual start of the downstroke. Avoid away, simply turn the shoulder around quickly.

NEXT ARTICLE—Gripping The Club.

HOLDERS ENTER 2ND ROUND

In expectation of some good lawn bowls, a fair sprinkling of spectators turned up at Kowloon Football Club yesterday when H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, winners of the Open Pairs Bowls title for the last two years, were opposed to F. N. Wong and A. Hyde-Lay in the First Round of this year's competition.

And well it was worth their trouble too, for although the holders won by the comfortable margin of 20-12, there was never a dull moment throughout the 21 heads—not even at the last when Hyde-Lay and his partner needed a "possible" to win.

Dick Alves was his usual steady self but there were times when the less-experienced Wong more than held his own against "Dick".

The tussle between the two skips was always interesting, each excelling in turn though it must be said that "Chico" Ribeiro had a slight edge on Hyde-Lay. It was at the 3rd end that the latter had the misfortune to remove one of his own shots when lying, and gave the count to the holders. As it was it did not make much difference to the scores, but it might have meant everything had the count been more even towards the later stages of the match.

Welcome Four

Scores came in singles and twos till the 13th when the holders chalked up a very welcome four, for at that stage they were only leading 8-7. After adding another single they conceded two singles in a row to lead 13-9 but 3 and 2 gave them a fairly safe margin. After giving away another single they scored two more singles at the 20th and 21st respectively to win 20-12.

And now for the very interesting final end. Wong bowled like a machine to cluster three of his four woods round the jack but he was soon robbed of the advantage when "Chico" drove and took the jack into the ditch. Hyde-Lay got to within a yard of the ditch and Ribeiro was a trifle short with his next and saw Hyde-Lay add another. Then Ribeiro came heavy and knocked up one of his front woods to score the shot and bring the game to an end.

Ex-Champions Win

At Kowloon Docks, C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares, 1938 champions, entered the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship when they beat H. White and A. J. Hall by 19 shots to 12.

The winners started with a single and registered a three at the third but a three at the fifth enabled the losers to take the lead at 5-4. The Portuguese pair then scored 1 2 1 2 1 before conceding two singles and then went on to register 1 1 1 1 2 2 to lead 19-7 at the 18th.

The losers finished up with two twos and a single.

White and Hall scored at only eight ends.

Strong Finish

A strong finish enabled H. Spong and E. Levett to beat E. A. Atkins and J. G. Meyer at Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 20-12 in the First Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs championship.

Scoring at the first three ends Spong and Levett were leading by six shots before their opponents opened their scoring, and at the 9th were leading by 9-3.

Atkins and Meyer then scored 3 1 2 1 0 1 to take the lead for the first time at 11-10 at the 15th.

Spong and Levett then scored 1 0 3 4 1 1 to win by 20-12.

BASKETBALL SUCCESS FOR PUI CHING

Two matches in the inter-School Basketball League were played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday when Pui Ching beat Ming Sang by 59 points to 33 and Wah Nam defeated Ying Wah 53-38.

Leading 34-17 at the end of the first half, Pui Ching went further ahead and dominated play in the later stages when they allowed their opponents to score eight goals (16 points).

Outstanding players for Pui Ching were Ng Yuen-tuk and Yu Kwok-pun, who scored 14 and 13 points respectively, while Lau Tim-yuk distinguished himself in the attack for Ming Sang, scoring 18 of his side's 33 points.

In the second match, Wah Nam basketballers showed better combination and defeated Ying Wah by 53 to 38, after leading at the interval by 20-12.

Wong Pui-wan, winger, who netted 18 points for the winners, was the most impressive player on the field.

Cyclone Sports Club beat Royal Scots by five clear goals in a friendly hockey match (on roller skates) at Ciro Skating Rink yesterday. A. K. Markar (2), J. Walla (2) and J. Kitchell scored.

WOMEN GOLFERS' WAR CONTRIBUTION

When the final tally is made of sport's contribution to Britain's war effort golf will occupy a lofty place, and the women, who have not, perhaps, the same opportunities as the professionals to play charity games, are justly proud of their efforts. They have assisted two funds, sending £1,000 to the Red Cross effort and £225 to the Spitfire Fund—a sum which will not long remain below four figures.

BADMINTON POPULARITY

Manufacturers are for the first time selling more badminton equipment than tennis paraphernalia, writes a correspondent. Badminton requires much less floor space than tennis—17 by 44 feet. Indoors the sport's popularity is retarded only by ceilings, which must be at least 25 feet in height, preferably loftier. The orthodox singles serve to the far backcourt is very high. Outdoors the time of play must be absolutely free of wind.

But, as Dave Freeman, youthful triple and three-time U.S. national amateur champion, points out, the rapid growth of badminton will continue because four bad players have as much fun as four good ones.

As in bowling, there is no par in badminton. Anybody can play it. It is an ideal mixed game, women playing the net and men the back-court. A 6-ounce racquet is used, as against a 9 in squash and a 13 in tennis. The net is 5 feet high. Badminton can be played cheaply. Three birds, two bats, a net and posts, a rule book and a book of lessons may be purchased for as little as U.S.\$2.95.

In the Colony Junior Chess championship tournament, V. V. Kolatchoff beat E. M. Petrov on Tuesday.

No League tennis matches were played yesterday, owing to heavy rain which fell shortly after the 11th hour.

V.R.C. BASKETBALL TEAMS IN ACTION ON SATURDAY

The newly formed basketball section of Victoria Recreation Club are playing two games on Saturday at Blake gardens.

The first game, at 4 p.m., is between V.R.C. ladies and girls of Nanyang Commercial Academy, after which the V.R.C. men's team will meet the Black Cats, a team from Lee Gymnasium.

Following are the teams:—

LADIES

V.R.C. (to be chosen from the following):—Miss Celeste Marques, Miss Teresa Marques, Miss Thelma Marques, Miss Lilla Xavier, Miss Vivian Rull, Miss Margie Xavier, Miss Carmen Ozorio, Miss Alexandrina Mendonca and Miss Celeste Guterres. Nanyang Academy Girls (to be chosen from the following):—Miss Cheung Chin-fai, Miss Piu Kwok-hing, Miss

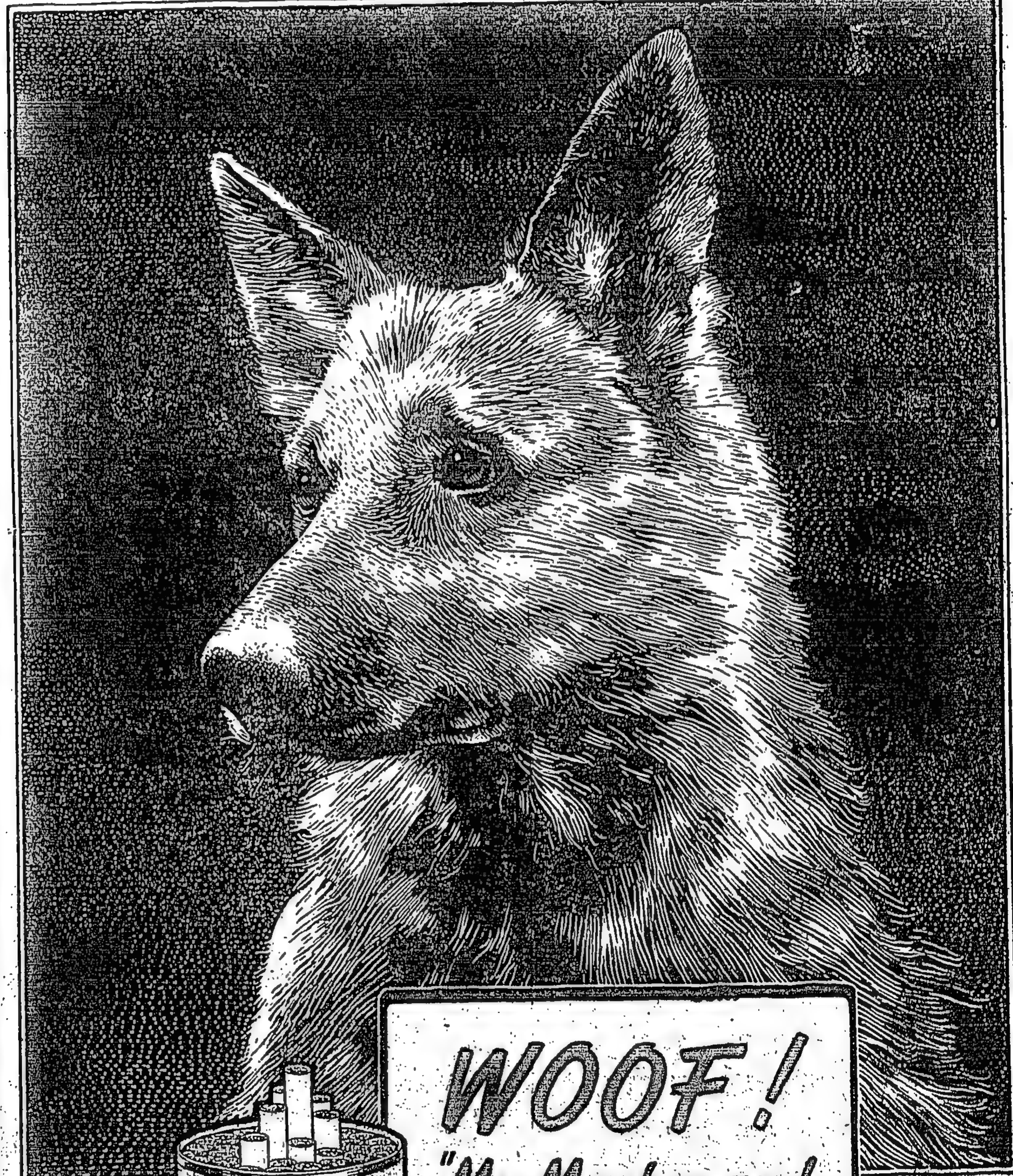
Pau Chi-man, Miss Cah Shook-ki, Miss Wong Pui-chun, Miss Ng Shui-keo, Miss Ng Shook-yeo, Miss Kwok Siu-ping, Miss Au Shun-chun and Miss Kung Chin-lan.

MEN'S

V.R.C. (from the following):—A. Azedo, R. Maxwell, E. Rozario, L. Rozario, P. Rull, A. Yvanovich, A. Alves, J. Remedios, B. Wilkinson, A. J. Hussain and J. Xavier.

Black Cats:—M. Shi, Lee' Put-wing, Leung Kwok-ying, Chan Shu-shoung, Wan Loung, Cheung Sin-tseung, Chu Yan-tseung, Chu Yan-tseung, Cheng Tai-hong and Chau Po-kau.

Bill Woo and Chang Yuk-kwan of South China are coaching the V.R.C.



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Soviet Air Arm Leads Thrilling Clash

HOW SOVIET CAVALRY DROVE BACK GERMAN AND RUMANIAN TROOPS WHICH CROSSED THE RIVER PRUTH INTO BES-SARABIA FROM FALCIU—MIDWAY BETWEEN JASSY AND GALATZ—IS DESCRIBED IN A DESPATCH FROM TINASPOL FROM THE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF "IZVESTIA," OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

The correspondent says: "Our frontier guards made heroic efforts to prevent the crossing of the river but could not withstand the pressure of the enemy, who had enormous material superiority.

"Having concentrated a powerful force of infantry and tanks on the Soviet bank, the enemy began the offensive. It was

necessary to deal him a terrific blow immediately.

"Bombers and fighters hurled themselves as he crossed the frontier, raining down bombs. Numbers of enemy tanks were immediately destroyed and their infantry suffered heavy losses.

"Disorder broke out in the enemy ranks during this raid.

Bridge Cleared

"Taking advantage of this, Soviet cavalry charged the enemy lines, using their sabres and chasing the enemy back towards the bridge.

"The avalanche of cavalry destroyed all in its path and cleared the bridge of the enemy." — Reuter.

NEW FACTORY FOR BOMBERS

The Defence Plant Corporation in Washington announced yesterday it would build a \$47,000,000 bomber factory at Ypsilanti, Michigan, to be leased and operated by the Ford Motor Co.

It is understood the factory is to be an important part of the U.S. Army's plan to provide facilities for turning out 500 bombers a month. — Reuter.

AMERICANS ADVISED TO LEAVE SOVIET

It was officially announced in Washington yesterday that United States ships will be permitted to carry arms to Vladivostok in view of the fact that President Roosevelt does not intend to issue a neutrality proclamation concerning the Russo-German war. — Reuter.

SOVIET 'PLANES BLAST TRAIL FROM WARSAW TO FRONTIER

(Continued from Page 1) man campaign against Russia emerges from yesterday's semi-official German reports of the fighting, which mention air attacks on the Russian communications and air support for the ground forces.

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At one point, it is claimed, six trains loaded with troops or vehicles were attacked, and the destruction of 17 locomotives by the air force is claimed.

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Referring to cooperation with the ground forces, the agency adds: "Air force operation on the eastern front intervened in the ground battles in great force and smoothed a way for the land troops by breaking enemy resistance.

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"Troop concentrations on the whole front were bombed and machine-gunned with great success and supply columns exterminated, blocking many roads with wreckage."

The same report speaks of reconnaissance by aircraft which "also dealt powerful blows to communications in the rear of the enemy."

Helsinki Raided

Moscow radio announced yesterday that Soviet planes raided Helsinki, capital of Finland.

Vilna Falls

German troops have entered Vilna, ancient capital of Lithuania, according to the Hungarian Government newspaper "Pester Lloyd" quoted in a Budapest despatch to Vichy.

A Lithuanian "national division" fighting with the German troops is said to have saved two important bridges from destruction by the Soviet forces. — Reuter.

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RUMANIA COMMAND CLAIMS

The following communique was issued yesterday by the General Command on the German-Rumanian front, according to a Bucharest despatch to the official Italian news agency:—

"Operations during the first three days have proceeded according to plans established in advance. Some attempts by the enemy to counter-advance were repulsed.

"The enemy aviation on Tuesday made an intensive bombardment of Constanza, Sulina and Galatz, and dropped several bombs on Tulcea, Braila and Jassy but without causing any damage of importance.

"Our aircraft bombed important military objectives everywhere remarkable results.

"German and Rumanian aviation have demonstrated in the past three days their crushing superiority over the enemy aviation, destroying 400 enemy machines.

"Out of this total, 30 Soviet planes were destroyed by the Rumanian air force and anti-aircraft guns and 40 machines were destroyed on the ground by the Rumanian air force, which lost a total of 12 machines." — Reuter.

SOVIET BLACK SEA STRENGTH

THE RUSSIAN SUBMARINE FLOTILLA IN THE BLACK SEA WAS RECENTLY REINFORCED BY ADMIRAL KUZNETZOFF, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE RUSSIAN NAVY, ACCORDING TO NEWS REACHING ANKARA, SAYS THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH NEWS AGENCY.

This followed discussions regarding priority between the defences of the Baltic and Black Seas.

The Russians finally decided that defence of the Caucasus was more important as a supply centre of the Red Army.

The Russians are said to be constructing underground aerodromes in the Ukraine, with a view to avoiding the destruction of planes on the ground. — Reuter.

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The slogans measured two feet high, and in addition many of the school's windows were smashed by bricks.

The school has been the main meeting place of the local Nazi group. — International News Service.

STOP PRESS

Blazing for almost eight hours, a large junk fully loaded with petrol, was totally destroyed this morning off Laichikok.

Only one man was injured. He was burned when he attempted to salvage tins of petrol floating in the vicinity.

An explosion occurred on board the junk shortly after midnight and the boat was immediately enveloped in flames which were visible for miles.

The crew, some 10 in number, jumped overboard and swam to safety.

Fire appliances from mainland stations and a fire float from Victoria were sent and returned after 8 a.m. to-day.

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The exodus from Syria continues, adds the correspondent, and some 150 Germans and Italians arrived in Istanbul from Syria on Tuesday. — Reuter.

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SWEDEN PERMITS PASSAGE OF TROOPS

The Swedish Riksdag met in secret session yesterday.

No announcement has been made so far regarding Tuesday's Cabinet meeting, presided over by King Gustav.

A meeting of the foreign affairs committee of the Cabinet was also held on Tuesday under the Crown Prince.

Monday and Tuesday were public holidays but beyond a reiteration of Sweden's desire to continue to avoid being dragged into the "great powers' war," it is unlikely that much indication of Sweden's attitude will be available.

From Norway

It was officially announced in Stockholm yesterday that Sweden has granted a German request to send a certain number of German troops from Norway to Finland via Sweden, says a Stockholm despatch to the official German news agency.

The troops will be limited to one division, the despatch added.

"New Position"

Following the special session of the Swedish Riksdag an official communique has been published announcing Swedish agreement to allow German troops to pass from Norway to Finland via Sweden.

The communique, according to a Stockholm despatch to the official German news agency, states: "In the situation occasioned by the outbreak of war between Germany and the Soviet, Sweden will unswervingly pursue her efforts to safeguard her autonomy and independence and remain outside the conflict."

"By the new position, however, we are faced with certain exceptional questions. Thus, it has been suggested by both Finland and Germany that Sweden should permit the transport by Swedish railway of one corps of troops limited to one division from Norway to Finland."

"The Government, with the consent of the Riksdag and in consideration of the formality necessary for the protection of Swedish sovereignty, has agreed to this proposal."—Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY SEES SOVIET ENVOY

Admiral Leahy, U.S. Ambassador to the Vichy Government, visited the Soviet Ambassador yesterday morning, says Reuter.

Fierce Fighting Raging On The Entire Battlefront

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE SOVIET SUPREME COMMAND CLAIMS THAT GERMAN TANKS AND INFANTRY, BATTERING HEAVILY AGAINST THE WHOLE RUSSIAN FRONT, WERE REPEATEDLY THROWN BACK.

Ripping over the grey hordes of German troops, sprawled abreast the long gateway to Russia, Red 'planes blasted a trail of fire from Warsaw to East Poland and knocked vast numbers of German aircraft out of the sky.

Along the north pinnacle of the line, fierce fighting is raging. Great tanks are locked in combat and "heavy losses were sustained by our enemy," says Moscow.

In the Gulf of Finland a German submarine was sunk by units of the Red Fleet.

In reply to the twice repeated raids on Sebastopol, Soviet bombers thrice bombed Constanza and Sulina.

In addition to aircraft brought down on Monday no less than 220 Nazi machines were destroyed on enemy aerodromes.

Moscow radio claims the destruction of 304 German 'planes and said Red air raiders left Constanza "in a mass of flames."

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WEIGHT OF R.A.F.

Recent Air Ministry communiqués describing heavy raids which the R.A.F. have been making on each of the past thirteen nights on the industrial heart of Germany, have frequently stated that raids have been carried out by "a strong force."

Authoritative quarters state that such a force would comprise anything from 250 to 400 bombers.—British Wireless.

Gunfire In Baltic

Gunfire is reported to have been heard from various places in the outer Stockholm Archipelago yesterday.

Firing was also heard on Tuesday off the west coast.—Reuter.

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Leningrad Blaze

CLOUDS OF SMOKE CAN BE SEEN IN THE DIRECTION OF LENINGRAD AND THE TOWN IS SAID TO BE ABLAZE, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM HELSINKI QUOTED BY ROME RADIO.—REUTER.



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MERDJ AYOUM FALLS TO AUSSIES AT DAWN

Keypoint Of Syria Resistance Captured

THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM REPORTS THAT AUSTRALIAN TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED MERDJ AYOUM, IN SYRIA.

The Australians engaged in hand-to-hand fighting but when they finally occupied Merdj Ayoun at dawn yesterday they found the stronghold deserted and only a few snipers left.

R.A.F. KEEPS UP ATTACKS

Soon after midday yesterday Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, with a strong escort of fighters, attacked railway goods yards at Hazebrouck, states an Air Ministry communique.

BOMBS WERE SEEN TO BURST IN THE YARDS WHICH WERE CROWDED WITH TRAFFIC. DIRECT HITS WERE ALSO SCORED ON TWO RAILWAY BRIDGES. ONE OF WHICH COLLAPSED.

Reports so far received show that British fighters destroyed seven enemy planes.

British losses in this operation were two fighters missing, concludes the communique.

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON LATER THAT AN AMMUNITION TRAIN BLEW UP IN HAZEBOUCK YARDS

Second Sweep

The R.A.F. made a second sweep over Northern France late yesterday afternoon.

As on the first occasion a strong force of bombers was protected by fighter squadrons and shortly after they had passed over the coast, watchers on the Kent cliffs heard violent explosions from several points along the French coast.

No official details are yet available regarding the operation.

Airfield Attacked

The German airfield at Longuenesse, near St. Omer, was bombed and hangars and buildings hit by the second of the R.A.F.'s double sweeps over Northern France yesterday.—Reuter.

The Vichy forces are reported to have fled northward during the night.

The report is confirmed in an official announcement in Cairo, which says British and Australian troops occupied Merdj Ayoun and Inbales Sakl in their advance northwards.

In the right sector in Syria, all is quiet in Damascus.

In the coastal sector, by bombarding Vichy positions in the Damour area, the Royal Navy is actively supporting the advance of Australian troops.—Reuter.

Nazis Bomb Damascus

OVER 30 WERE KILLED AND MANY INJURED WHEN GERMAN PLANES BOMBED DAMASCUS YESTERDAY MORNING, SAYS REUTER FROM JERUSALEM.

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Eagle Squadron Recruits

Further parties of young American pilots have just arrived in Britain to form sister squadrons of the original Eagle Squadron.

Since the first Eagle Fighter Squadron of the R.A.F. was formed last autumn numbers of young Americans have volunteered to fly and fight with the R.A.F.

Among the last batch to arrive were U.S. citizens from Ohio, California, Maryland, Texas and Colorado and one from Canada.

Before crossing the Atlantic they undergo their initial flying training and pass flying tests as pilots.—British Wireless.

AMERICANS ADVISED TO LEAVE SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The State Department in Washington announces that all American citizens in Russia, except Government representatives and newsmen, are advised to leave as soon as possible.—International News Service.

R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST RAIDS

An R.A.F. Middle East communique states: "Syria—aircraft of the R.A.F. and R.A.A.F. carried out a number of offensive operations in Syria on Tuesday.

The railway and aerodrome at Rayak were successfully attacked and bombs were seen bursting on buildings and railway sidings.

The citadel at Soueida was again bombed and several direct hits made.

Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed enemy destroyers in harbour at Beirut. Bursts were observed on a jetty near the warships.

North Africa—fighter aircraft provided protective patrols over our ships while aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed the railway and quay at Tripoli starting a number of fires.

One of our aircraft is missing from these operations.—British Wireless.

SOVIET RELATIONS WITH FINLAND

THE RUSSIAN MINISTER AND HIS STAFF ARE STILL AT HELSINKI BUT THE MINISTER'S FAMILY LEFT ON TUESDAY, ACCORDING TO A REPORT RECEIVED IN STOCKHOLM.

The Polish Minister and Military attaché have received their passports and are expected to go to Stockholm.—Reuter.

St. Stephen's College will hold its annual speech day on Saturday, July 12, at 4.15 p.m. when H.E. the Governor will distribute the prizes.



Master Freddie Harrison, aged six, was last month presented with a cheque for £4,150, by Alderman A. A. Near, Mayor of Hendon, at the Hendon Town Hall. The money together with a letter of congratulations was sent by the Vimy Post of the Toledo Canadian Legion, Toledo, Ohio. Freddie rescued his three-year-old sister Winifred from beneath the debris of their home, damaged in a recent air raid. Attention had been drawn to this act of youthful heroism through widespread publication of the children's photograph in American newspapers. Photo shows Freddie with his sister Winifred taken after the presentation, with their father. (Copyright, Fox).

NO "NEUTRALITY" PROCLAMATION AFFECTING SOVIET

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT does not intend to issue a "neutrality" proclamation on the Russo-German war, according to an announcement by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, in Washington yesterday.

United States ships will thus be permitted to carry arms to Vladivostok. The United States is taking up the same position as she has maintained during the undeclared Sino-Japanese war.

Mr. Welles pointed out that under the Neutrality Act, a neutrality proclamation is required when the President or Congress "shall find that there exists a state of war between foreign States; and that it is necessary to promote or preserve the peace of the United States or protect the lives of citizens of the United States."

Mr. Welles added that the President had authorized him to announce that inasmuch as he finds a proclamation is unnecessary in the present instance to promote the peace of the United States or protect American citizens, he has no intention of issuing a proclamation.

Asked what effect this would have on the transport of arms to Russia in American ships, Mr. Welles explained that the combat zones already established by the President do not include the Pacific region.

Vladivostok Open

Vladivostok will thus remain open to American ships carrying

arms or any other supplies. Under the Neutrality Act, American ships are forbidden to carry arms to "belligerent" ports or defined combat areas.

Mr. Welles added the United States had still not received an official communication from the Russian Government since the American declaration on Monday favouring Russia against Germany, and the President's announcement that all American aid possible would be given to Russia.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN HAS A BUSY DAY

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in addition to his interview yesterday with the Spanish Ambassador, the Duke of Alba, also saw the Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. van Kleeff, and the United States Ambassador, Mr. John G. Winant.—Reuter.

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U.S. LOAN TO BRITAIN PROBABLE

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MR. JESSE JONES, U.S. Federal Loan Administrator, in announcing in a formal statement in Washington yesterday that it is "considering a loan to the British Government," said the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was studying a loan under the new law authorising such a loan, and added:

"Purpose of the loan would be to provide the British with dollar exchange to pay for war supplies in this country without having to sell their American securities and investments at a forced sale."

Mr. Jones did not name any amount but in some quarters it is reported the loan would be for "several hundred million dollars."

R.F.C. officials, however, hinted that a smaller figure was contemplated at the start.

Mr. Jones said the collateral of the proposed loan would include "direct investments and a wide diversification of stocks and bonds of corporations" in the United States.—Reuter.

JUNK FIRE OFF LAICHIKOK

Blazing for almost eight hours, a large junk fully loaded with petrol, was totally destroyed this morning off Laichikok.

Only one man was injured. He was burned when he attempted to salvage tins of petrol floating in the vicinity.

An explosion occurred on board the junk shortly after midnight and the boat was immediately enveloped in flames which were visible for miles.

The crew, some 10 in number, jumped overboard and swam to safety.

Fire appliances from mainland stations and a fire boat from Victoria were sent and returned after 8 a.m. to-day.

THAILAND AND JAPAN

"I WISH VERY MUCH THAT MR. MATSUOKA WOULD PAY A VISIT TO THAILAND," SAID THE THAI PREMIER TO JAPANESE PRESSMEN WHEN THE LATTER PRESENTED HIM WITH AN ANCIENT JAPANESE SWORD IN BANGKOK YESTERDAY.

He (the Premier) wanted to visit Japan but could not find the time at present. He would go when he found the opportunity he desired to promote cooperation between Thailand and Japan to the highest pitch.—Reuter.

BANK OF CHINA CLOSES BRANCHES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Three of the seven offices of the Bank of China operating in the foreign areas in Shanghai are to be closed on July 1. Reduced business is the cause of the closures, according to a high Bank official.—International News Service.

HUGE U.S. CARGOES REACHING SUEZ

Huge cargoes sent under the United States' Lease and Lend programme are reaching Suez, says the Washington correspondent of the New York "World-Telegram".—Reuter.

NO CHANGE

Yesterday's G.H.Q. communique in Cairo declared that in Libya and Abyssinia there is no change.—Reuter.

THAILAND CELEBRATES DEMOCRACY

DEMOCRACY IS HORN-LOCKED IN MORTAL COMBAT IN EUROPE AND THAILAND REAFFIRMED HER FAITH IN DEMOCRATIC IDEALS BY A THREE-DAY NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION OF THE NINTH BIRTHDAY OF THE DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION WHICH SHE WON WITH THE BLOODLESS COUP D'ETAT OF JUNE 24, 1932.

One of the leaders of the coup d'etat is the present head of the Thai Government, Major-General Luang Pibul Songgram.

Besides illuminations, fairs, processions, firework displays, tournaments and torchlight parades National Day celebrations were marked by the opening of new avenues, trunk roads, rail lines, a landing station for international flyingboats, an internal commercial air line, university buildings, schools, hospitals and a Buddhist monastery where Buddha's relics brought from India had been deposited. The foundation stone was also laid for the memorial to those fallen in the Indo-China border conflict.—Reuter.

DEMONSTRATION IN MADRID "EXPLAINED"

AN EXTRAORDINARY "explanation" of the organised demonstration against the British Embassy in Madrid was published yesterday by the newspaper "Arriba," organ of the Spanish Falange (Fascist Party).

Commenting on the German-organised riots outside the Embassy, the "Arriba" stressed that the manifestations were directed "exclusively against Russia."

The paper then admits that "some of its remnants, not subjected to discipline, branched from this intention and went to extremes."

This, the Falange organ continued, "only means that feeling against our oldest enemy is fresh and aroused."

The "Arriba" says the explanation of the feeling against "the old enemy, Britain," "would be found in simple meditation on the progress of our Empire strangled to the point of slavery."

The article ends with a severe order to Falange comrades that nothing must be left to "spontaneous joy" and Falangists must follow commands with strict discipline.—Reuter.



A general view of a damaged London street showing wrecked cars, after the last heavy raid on the capital. (Copyright, Fox).

ACRE AND HAIFA BOMBED

THE CRUSADER FORTRESS TOWN OF ACRE—WHERE SIDNEY SMITH SUCCESSFULLY WITHSTOOD NAPOLEON'S SIEGE—EXPERIENCED THE FIRST AIR RAID IN ITS HISTORY WHEN HOSTILE AIRCRAFT YESTERDAY MORNING DROPPED BOMBS CAUSING SOME DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AND INJURING A CIVILIAN.

It is authoritatively stated that hostile planes also approached Haifa where the ground defences went into action and some bombs were dropped, doing little damage and causing no casualties.—Reuter.

SECRET SESSION IN FINLAND

The Finnish Parliament met in secret session at 7 o'clock last night, states a Helsinki despatch to Berlin.

After an hour the session was adjourned. It was resumed at 9.30 p.m. and was still in progress two hours later.—Reuter.

GERMAN LINER REPORTED SUNK

American maritime sources reported yesterday that a plane of the British Fleet Air Arm attacked and probably sank the German liner Elbe (8,000 tons) in the Atlantic, says Reuter from New York.

AMERICAN RED CROSS EFFORT

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS SPENT OVER \$18 MILLION AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OVER \$16 MILLIONS ON WAR RELIEF FOR BRITAIN, BELGIUM, CANADA, CHINA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GREECE, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA.

Almost half this has been for Britain, declared Mr. Laurence Mitchell, of the American Red Cross, in his testimony to the House of Representatives appropriations sub-committee.

Mr. Mitchell said no instance had been reported of any diversion or confiscation of supplies.

Eleven of 389 ships carrying supplies to Britain had been lost at sea. One shipload for Greece had also been lost.—Reuter.

U.S. AID TO BRITAIN

SHIPMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO BRITAIN IN APRIL TOTALLED \$128,000,000.

This represents the largest amount of goods sent to Britain in any month for the past 20 years and is nearly two and a half times greater than in April last year.

The British Empire in April received \$246,000,000 worth of American goods—about 61 per cent. of United States total exports.—Reuter.

OTTO ABETZ IN BERLIN

OTTO ABETZ, GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, HAS ARRIVED IN BERLIN, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE ZURICH NEWSPAPER "DIE TAT."

Aim of his visit, it is reported, is to inform the German Government, in accordance with Vichy's wishes, of the "exceptional deterioration" in the situation of the Vichy forces in Syria following the fall of Damascus.—Reuter.

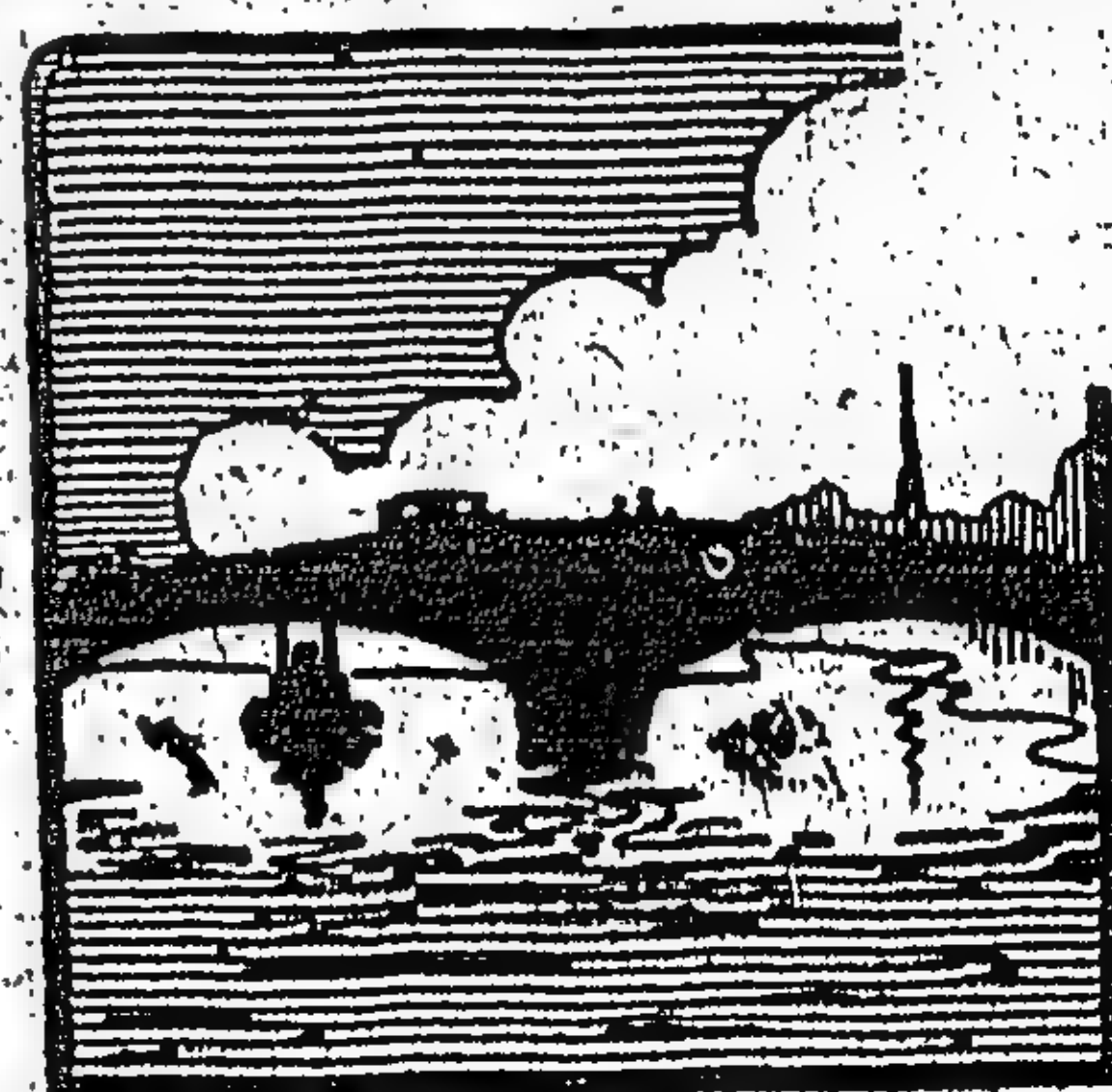
TURKEY AND RUSSIA

Moscow radio announces that the Turkish Ambassador to Moscow has stated the Turkish Government wishes to reaffirm its neutrality in view of the change in the international situation due to the outbreak of hostilities between Germany and the U.S.S.R.—Reuter.

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INVINCIBILITY OF GERMAN ARMY DISMISSED AS MYTH

"THE INVINCIBILITY of the German army is a myth," declares Lt.-Gen. Michael Khozin, head of the Frunze Academy, the Aldershot of the Soviet Union, in the Communist Party organ "Pravda."

Lt.-Gen. Khozin says the Nazi troops bluster about this myth but their victories in 1939 and 1940 were mainly won by treachery in the rear of their smaller enemies who were always numerically inferior.

The writer cites German foreknowledge of the Polish mobilisation plans, the fact that the Norwegian troops were on manoeuvres with blank ammunition, some distance from the German landings, and the signals given from the ground aiding German parachutists who had such an effect on the Dutch campaign.

He mentions the Yugoslav Premier, General Simovitch, had to remove many high officers in the few days at his disposal prior to the German assault on his country.

He also refers to the contacts between leading Frenchmen and the Germans and declares the Maginot Line fell chiefly because the flank was turned.

Critical Moment

Finally, he points out, the Poles managed to wipe out whole Nazi tank divisions and says that if the Greeks from the Metaxas Line had been able to launch a counter-attack at one moment the result in the Balkans war would possibly have been different.

He adds that wherever the Germans met with serious opposition they won by weight of material but they are now up against a large foe armed with a mass of material who will defeat the "Fascist bird of prey." — Reuter.

HITLER LOSES SUPPLIES

IMMEDIATE RESULT OF THE RUSSO-GERMAN CONFLICT IS TO STOP THE FLOW OF OIL SEEDS OVER THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY TO GERMANY, WHICH IS LIKELY TO CAUSE A REACTION IN THE GERMAN MARGARINE AND SOAP RATION, SAYS THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE.

Oil seeds, which hitherto have constituted the bulk of the total volume of goods carried by this route, are important not only for the vegetable oil contents (they form the basis of margarine and soap) but the residue is used in iron oil cake which is valuable fodder for cattle. — Reuter.

GEN. BLAMEY IS MAN AND A HALF

"A MAN AND A HALF" WHOSE VIEW IS "WE CANNOT EXPECT TO WIN THIS WAR UNLESS WE CARRY THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY," IS DEPUTY-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FOR THE WHOLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

He is Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Blamey, commanding the Australian forces in the Middle East, and he is deputy to General Sir Archibald Wavell, head of our Armies in the Middle East. General Blamey, 57, is thick-set, of middle height, and sparing of words.

Soviet War Output

Moscow radio yesterday stressed the importance of the part played in the present struggle by Soviet scientists who, under the direction of Stalin, have made vast strides in technical and industrial development.

During the present year, the announcer said, they had achieved surprising results which would have a decisive effect on the outcome of the war.

Output from factories had exceeded all results anticipated or hoped for.

In 1914, only small arms ammunition and light field artillery shells could be produced in Russia, the U.S.S.R. can now produce all types of ammunition and shells for the largest type guns in sufficient quantities to win the war. — Reuter.

AMERICAN LABOUR SITUATION

The United States labour position is generally "very encouraging," according to Mr. Sidney Hillman, head of the Labour Division of the Office of Production Management.

Testifying to the House of Representatives appropriations subcommittee yesterday, Mr. Hillman said: "We can look forward to less and less interruptions in work."

Mr. Hillman said he was convinced "we are getting more and more support all the way through."

Nearly three million more persons had resumed work during the past year and there were fewer shortages of men for key positions in defence work than a year ago.

Mr. Hillman said his office were trying hard to reduce defence strikes by weeding out subversive elements in labour unions.

Black List?

Mr. Donald Nelson, purchasing director of the Office of Production Management, said in his testimony that "communities" noted for strikes and other labour disturbances might find themselves unable to get new defence orders and "plant locations."

The O.P.M., he added, very definitely took into consideration labour difficulties and interferences in placing orders and establishing new manufacturing facilities. — Reuter.

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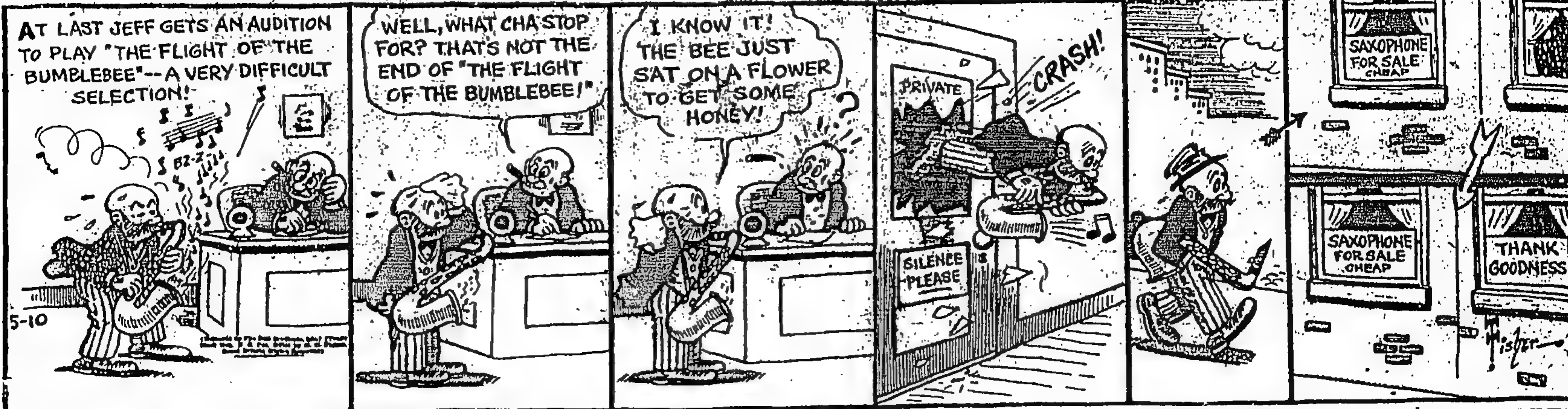
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BRITAIN TO STOP FISH PROFITEERING

A determined drive to prevent profiteering in fish was announced by the Food Minister, Lord Woolton, in the House of Lords yesterday.

Britain gets no more than 25 per cent. of fish supplies since the Admiralty has requisitioned 75 per cent. of the country's fish trawlers for minesweeping.

Fish prices to the housewife have risen disproportionately.

An order will shortly be issued controlling the price at the quay in ships and at all intermediate stages, so it will no longer be profitable to speculate in fish.

Average price will be 9/10d per stone compared with last month's ruling price of 13/6d.

Measures will also be taken to ensure fair distribution in all parts of the country.—Reuter.

The annual speech, day and prize giving of the Diocesan Boys School has been arranged for Friday, July 4, at 5.30 p.m. when Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor will be present. Tea will be served from 4. p.m.

SARAJOGLU EXPLAINS NEW PACT

THE TURCO-GERMAN pact of friendship was unanimously approved by the Turkish Grand National Assembly in Ankara yesterday, stated Ankara radio. The German Ambassador, von Papen, was present at the session.

Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, in a statement on the pact, said: "This treaty, which regulates relations between the two countries concerned and shows these relations will develop in a friendly manner in the future, is characterised by a definite stipulation that existing pledges of the contracting parties remain inviolate.

"This stipulation, insofar as we are concerned, means that Turkey's existing pledges, with the Turco-British Alliance foremost, remain intact.

"In the light of this I consider it my duty to thank the German

statesmen who have afforded us the means of working fervently for the establishment of Turco-German friendship by accepting the reservation that we keep our word already pledged to our friends.

"This constituted the main condition in the conduct of these negotiations."

Correct And Open

Dr. Sarajoglu gave details of how the pact had been brought about, emphasising that during the negotiations both parties acted correctly and openly.

He added "Moreover, we on our part kept our British friends informed of important phases in the development of our negotiations with the Germans, and in most instances carried on consultations with our British friends."

After stating that Turkey had followed fair play, Dr. Sarajoglu concluded: "It can again be stated that beside the Turkish army—heroic guardian of our peace—and along the same front, belligerent nations as well as neutrals, and finally world public opinion, have taken their stand to safeguard Turkish peace.

"We will not fail in our effort to prove to the world by the future development of our activities that Turkey deserves to remain in this honourable position."—Reuter.

YACHTSMEN'S GIFT

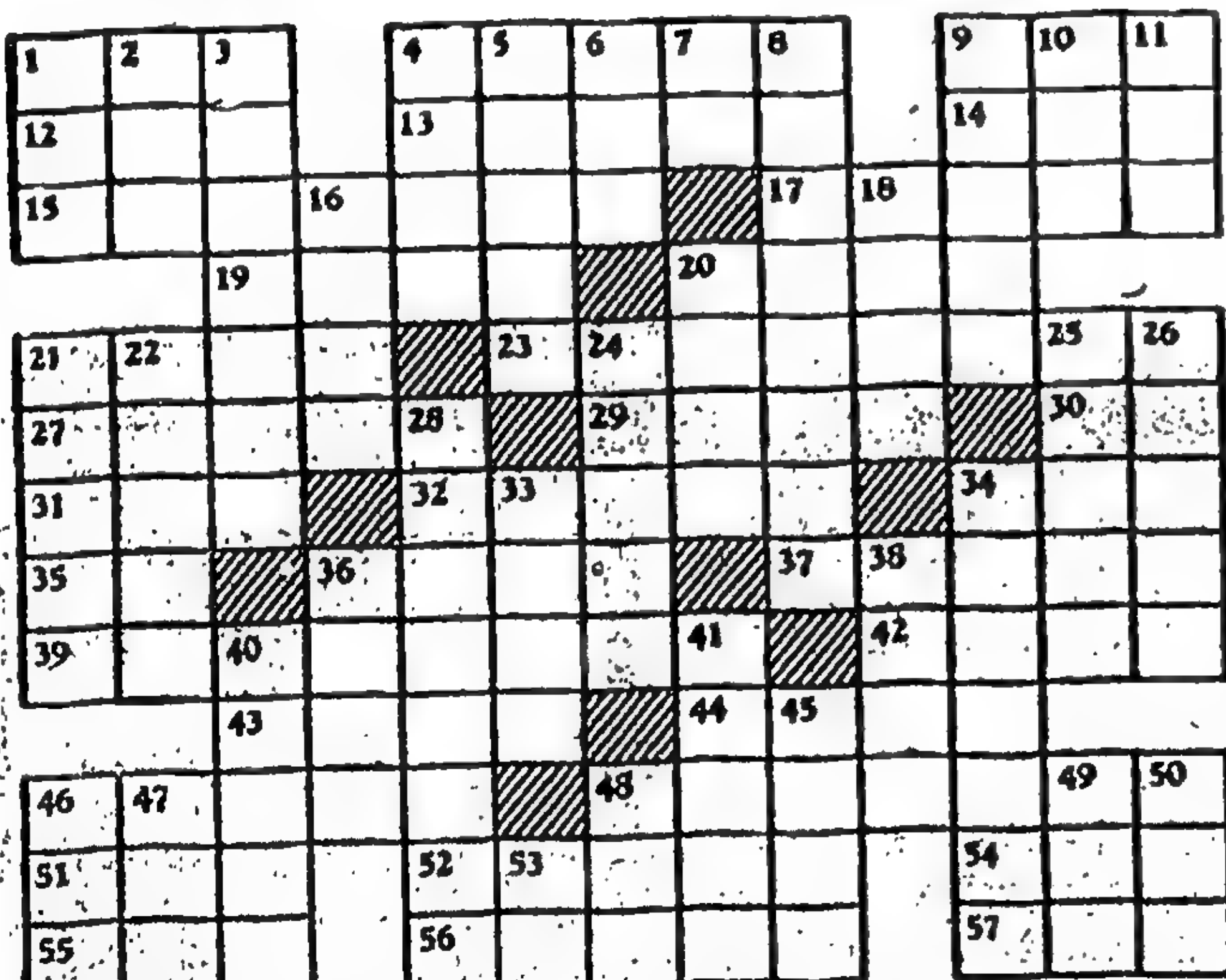
Lord Queenborough, Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, has been asked to accept a travelling kitchen from commodores of yacht clubs in the United States. The sum of £3,000 was raised, and the gift is intended for use at the ports.

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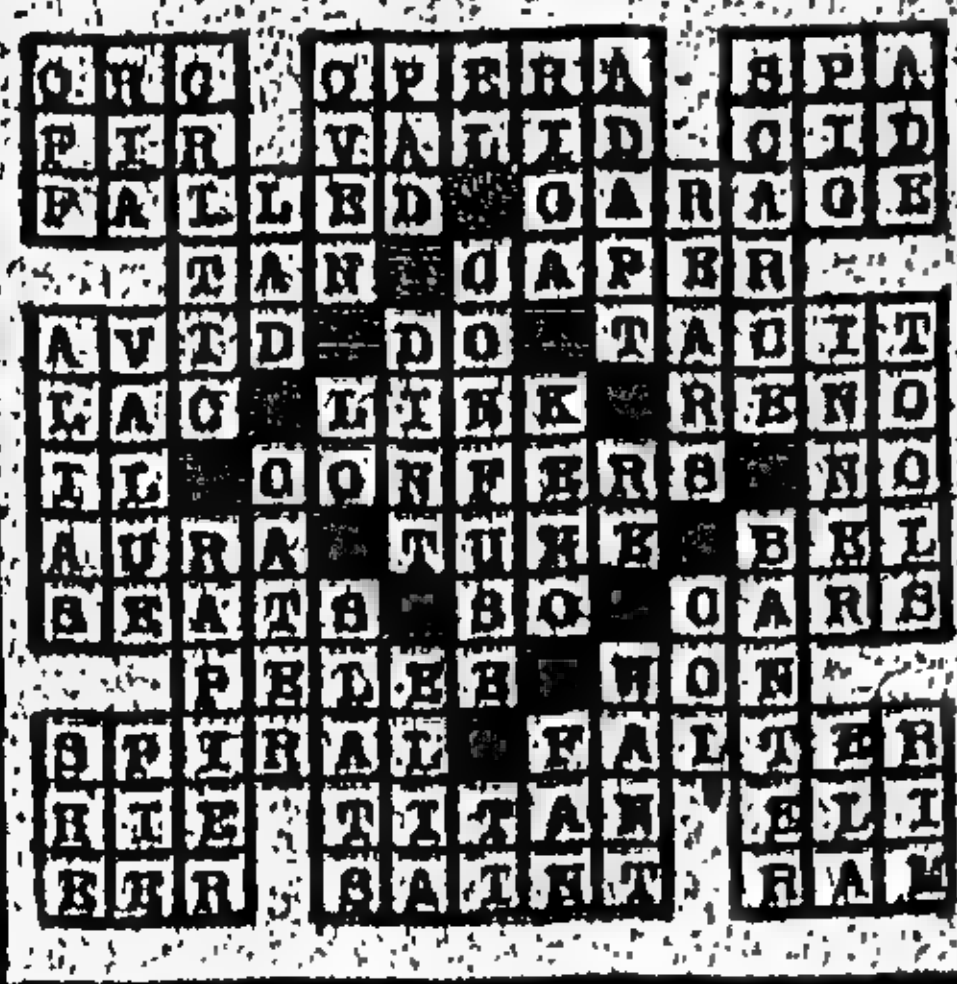


- HORIZONTAL**
1 Inferior part of a fleece.
4 Sugary.
9 To imitate.
12 New Zealand bird.
13 Varieties of colour.
14 Rodent.
15 To acknowledge.
17 Palm genus.
19 To surfelt.
20 Algerian seaport.
21 Grey.
23 To consign.
27 Loan deposit.
29 Glacial snow.
30 Sun god.
31 European light.
32 River in Scotland.
34 To equip.
35 Negative.
36 Silkworm.
37 Mountain ridge.
39 Jewels.
42 Abaya.
43 Globular protuberance.
44 To carry.
46 Musical direction.

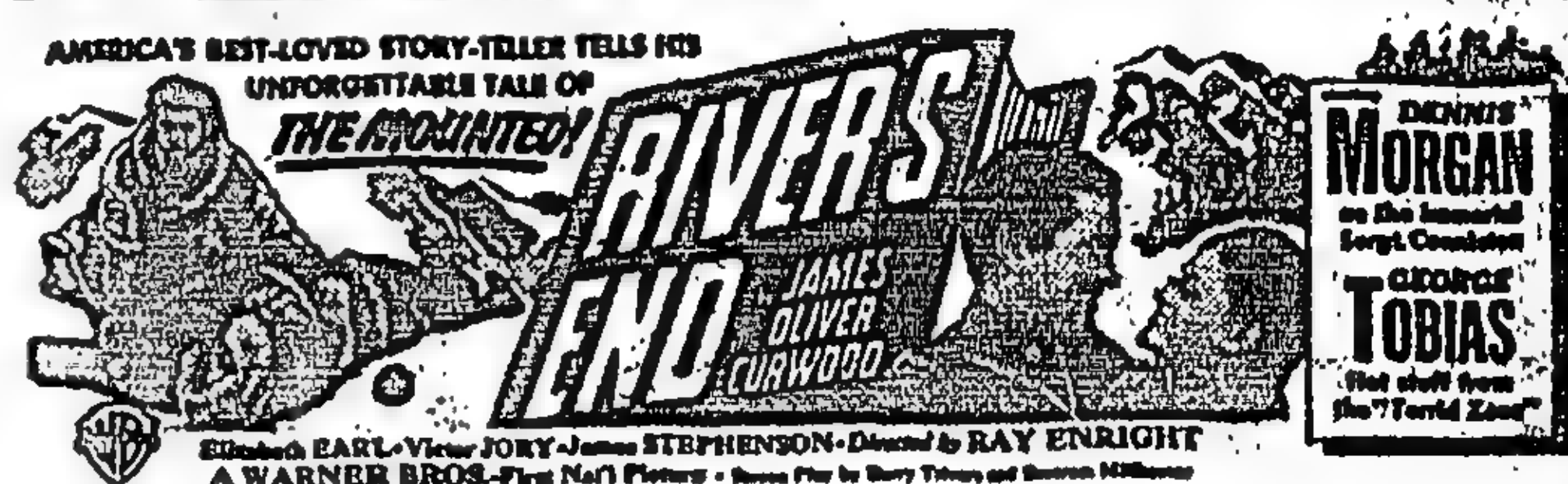
- 48 To put in proper order.
51 Fabulous bird.
52 Pertaining to ships.
54 Pike-like fish.
55 However.
56 To hang.
57 Holland commune.

- VERTICAL**
1 Part of a circle.
2 To show disapproval of.
3 Walling fairy.
4 Let it stand.
5 More learned.
6 Abstract being.
7 French conjunction.
8 Wife of the tsar's son.
9 Place of combat.
10 Moccasin.
11 Greek letter.
12 Elves.
13 Fit of anger.
14 Butter substitute.
15 To place in a row.
16 Biblical city.
17 Toward the centre.
18 State.
19 Avid.
20 Spanish dance.
21 Abrading instrument.
22 Vengeance.
23 God of love.
24 List.
25 To choose.
26 Strip of leather.
27 Heraldic bearing.
28 Lover.
29 Fish eggs.
30 Hummingbird.
31 To wander.
32 Before.
33 Land measure.

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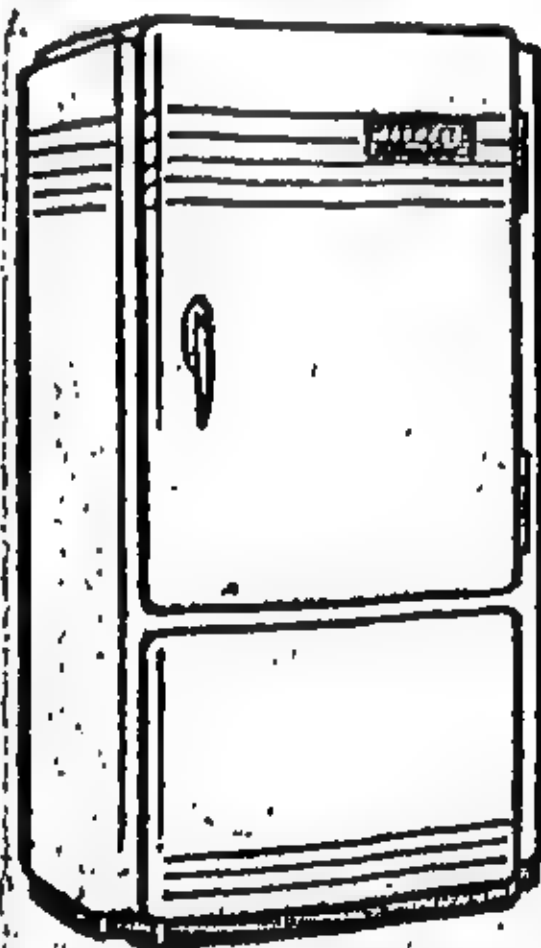
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SECTIONS OF GLASGOW NOW IN RUINS

AFTER THINKING, erroneously of course, that Glasgow was to be immune and that the city would not experience a blitz such as Coventry, London and other cities have been called upon to undergo, the city got one of the worst that Hitler's powerful and efficient Air Force could possibly have inflicted upon it. There is no use in minimising or under estimating the extent of the damage sustained for it was serious and the deaths were many, while the losses were colossal.

But as usual what suffered most were not the actual concerns that were engaged in war production but the homes, houses and personal possessions of the innocent men, women and children. Surely if Nazi airmen, who brutally murdered those innocent children, babies in arms, some of them, others only a few years old, could have seen the result of their handiwork, they would for ever hide their heads in shame. What they did was not warfare, it was mass murder done in the most cowardly, brutal way imaginable.

Those who did this reprehensible business have nothing over which to gloat. They ought to be ashamed of themselves. But to imagine for a single moment that through it and by it they have cowed the folks of these areas would be absolutely wrong. The men in the big works are working as never before. They are determined to give the Empire what it requires to bring Nazi Germany to its heels.

If they needed a tonic to make it waken up and produce the maximum amount that can be produced well, this cowardly blitz has done it and from now on there is but one object and aim in view and it is give the Forces of the Island Home whatever they need in the way of ammunition that will enable them to repay Germany in its own coin.

Thousands Lose Everything

Thousands of people have lost their homes but the removal of the evacuees has been carried out in a magnificent manner. When it is realised that the blitz was, alas, unanticipated, that it was not even thought it could possibly be on the scale that it was, it is nothing short of marvellous that in so short a time after it was over, large numbers of the unfortunate homeless people were provided with accommodation in many homes in the country. One district had been prepared to receive, in case of emergency 350 homeless folks.

Instead of that number the district was asked to take in 1,000 and what is more that was done and in a remarkably short space of time. It was the same all over the areas affected. Things worked so smoothly that it might almost have been imagined that Glasgow has been doing this kind of thing all its days.

Lord Provost Indefatigable Worker

The Lord Provost, justly and rightly honoured by His Majesty the King at New Year, worked indefatigably, but then he has been doing that ever since he graced the office to which he was called when he became Lord Provost. It is questionable whether Glasgow in all its history has ever had such an outstanding Lord Provost as it has today in Sir Patrick Dollan.

He is ubiquitous and indefatigable, untiring in all his efforts and from the moment he realised the extent of the damage done to Clydebanks he has been active in organising relief of every kind. He at once opened a fund for the relief of the sufferers and it looks very much as though this will soon reach the £100,000 mark. The people who have suffered have been just magnificent.

It is rather dreadful to have to report though that if the people had used the Anderson Shelters as they ought to have done—and as they should have been compelled to have done—possibly two thirds of the deaths would not have taken place. It is terri-

ble to contemplate that the large number of fatalities occurred because the Anderson Shelters were not used to the extent that they should have been. The vast majority of these Shelters were absolutely unharmed.

Many of the windows of the lovely university were broken while of course, houses and shops too had their windows shattered, but it is surprising how small after all was the actual displacement even in the worst of the areas affected. It may interest folks in the Far East to know that the blitz has done something that possibly might not have been done without its help, viz. the National Anthem is now sung with a feeling that assuredly did not characterise the rendering of it in times of peace.

No Food Shortage

Again it should be reiterated that food shortage does not exist. What have disappeared from table are the luxuries.

Amongst the churches that were hit, but not demolished as several were was (Censored) Church. All its windows were smashed, and there is a suspicion that its roof has been damaged but to what extent it is not possible yet to state.

SOLDIER DEAD, BUGLER IN DOCK

A bugler of an Irish regiment was at Hereford committed for trial on a charge of the manslaughter of another bugler with who, it was stated, he had a bayonet fight.

The padre of the regiment said the accused, Robert Macmillan McKelg, 24, told him that the other bugler, Jack Mallett, perpetrated in making an indecent assault on him, and he took up his bayonet to defend himself. The padre added that he knew Mallett had abnormal tendencies. McKelg had an "excellent" character.

Mallett's condition, it was stated, was not serious when he was taken to hospital with stab-wounds, but next night it was obvious he was dying.

In presence of a magistrate Mallett said: "I forced the fight on him (McKelg). It was my fault, and nobody else's."

OUR FASCISTS FOR I.O.M.

Reshuffle of the internment camps is being made in the Isle of Man to provide accommodation for 1,000 British Fascists who are to be interned there.

REJECTED BY WIDOW --DIED

After falling in love with a widow older than himself with whom he lodged, and joining the Army to forget her, Michael Coakley, 27, of the London Irish Rifles, shot himself while on leave.

At the Romford inquest Mrs. Annie Mallett, of Broad Street, Dagenham, Essex, said Coakley first came to lodge with her when he was a moulder at a motor-car works.

Coakley came to see her when on leave.

"He wanted to marry me and was persistent," Mrs. Mallett said. "I told him to find someone nearer his own age, and that seemed to upset him."

"He has been asking me to marry him for a long time, and he joined the Army to try to forget me."

The Coroner: But apparently he came back full of ardour.

"Farewell Letter"

Mrs. Mallett said she saw Coakley writing on a label. He said it was a "farewell letter." She thought he was joking.

After hearing a shot she found him dead on the floor.

A police officer said the words, "Darling, I love you. Good luck," were written on the label.

The verdict was that Coakley killed himself while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

OFFICER V.C. DIES A SEAMAN

While serving as a seaman in a naval auxiliary motor patrol vessel, Lieutenant-Commander Geoffrey Heneage Drummond, a V.C. of the last war, fell and fractured his skull.

Death from accidental causes was the verdict at a Lewisham inquest.

Lieutenant-Commander Drummond was awarded the V.C. for navigating a motor launch into Ostend Harbour in 1918 and carrying off survivors of the Vindictive. He was wounded during the operation.

When he received his decoration from King George V. he was asked what had been his profession in civil life.

He replied: "I am ashamed to say I was a professional invalid."

When nine years old he had a fall and dislocated his neck.

LORD DERBY ON ROYAL COURAGE

Gratitude for the example of courage given by the Royal family to the nation was expressed by the Earl of Derby and the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Sir Sydney Jones.

They were speaking at the opening by the Duchess of Kent, on behalf of the British Council, of a new centre in Liverpool for use by Allied seamen and servicemen.

"You cannot go anywhere in this country," said Lord Derby, "without hearing grateful thanks for what the Royal family are doing, and it is remarkable that among the poorer people you will find perhaps more of this feeling of devotion than in any other rank of society."

CHINA MAIL

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INVADERS

They take neutrality seriously in Eire. The Very Reverend M. Hamilton, Administrator of Ennis and chairman of Clare County Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association, has just withdrawn his nomination for the presidency of the association's congress because "of the introduction and toleration of foreign games among the members of the National Army." He thinks it an insult to the memory and sacrifice of Ireland's dearest martyr to read in the papers of the Rugby team of the Regiment of Pearse. And (he says).

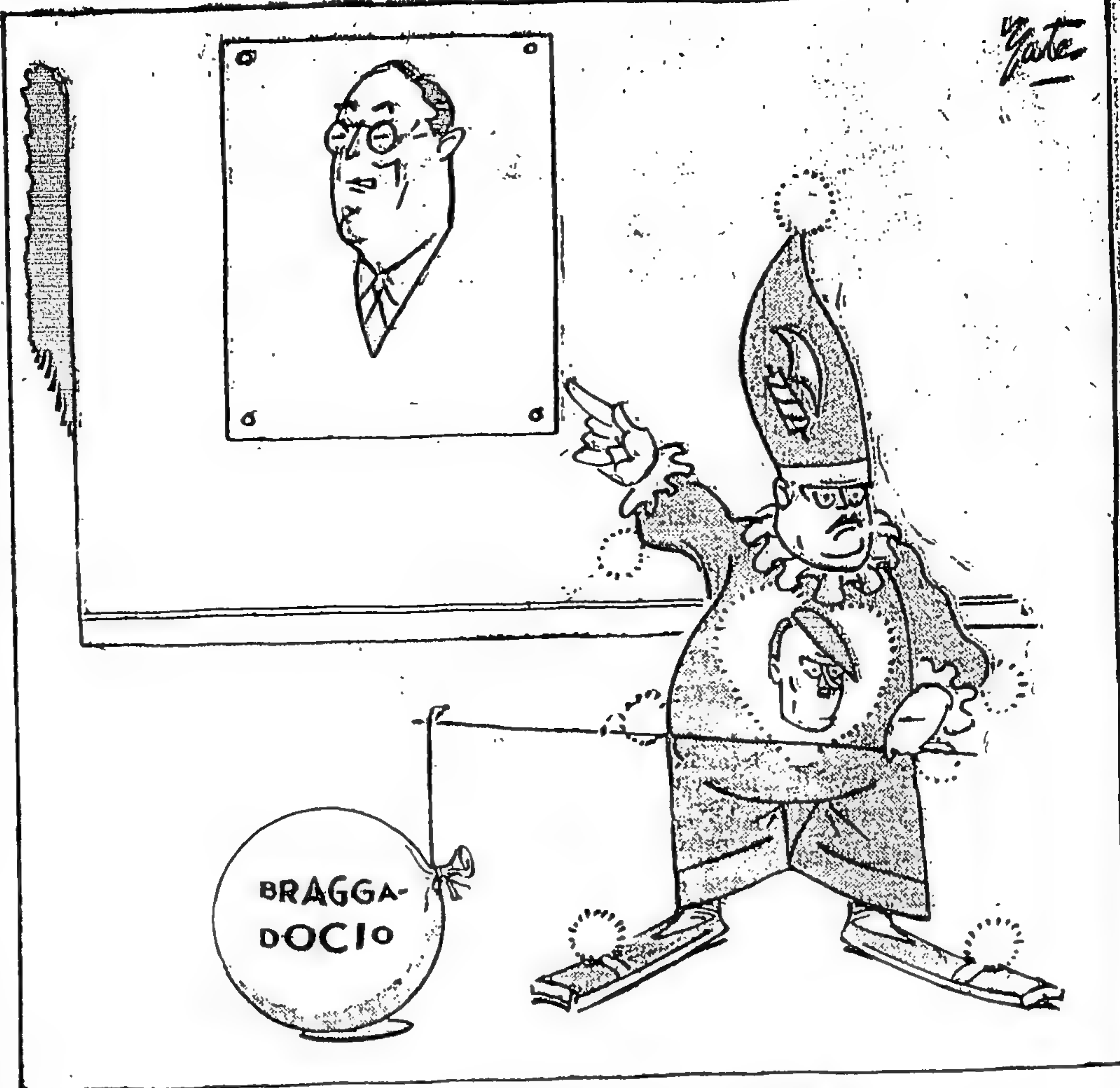
at a time when the manpower of the nation is being rallied and disciplined to resist attack from any possible invader of our land it is surely a travesty of national loyalty to allow foreign games to be played on the recreation-grounds of our defence forces.

But why should the very reverend gentleman stop at the recreation-grounds? Surely cards are "foreign" (unless there is an Irish bridge or an Irish nap), and what of chess and draughts and darts? What is there left for the patriotic Irish neutral to do? And is there not treason in high places, for did not Mr. De Valera himself once play Rugby for Blackrock College and the Minister of Defence indulge in Association? Still, once you set about preparing against invasion you might as well do the job thoroughly, and "foreign games" are no doubt as insidious a form of English penetration as any.

MISUNDERSTOOD

Nothing is more painful than to see the righteous misunderstood, and no one is more pained than Mr. Matsuoka when he sees this happening to Japan. A member of the Japanese Diet recently complained that the Indian Congress was friendly towards the Chungking Government in China; he said this was a serious matter when Japan was setting up her Greater East Asian Sphere of Co-Prosperity. Mr. Matsuoka replied:

Members of the Congress party are evidently under the impression that Japan is persecuting a weak China and that if they approached Japan their own country would soon be persecuted similarly. Efforts have not been



DA VILLAIN-A OF DA PIECE-A

Privileged Pilots

By
J. Wentworth
Day

Little is heard of the war work of the Air Transport Auxiliary: it does not attract the spotlight. Twice within a few days it lost gallant members with the loss of a plane—Amy Johnson and Capt. Horsey—and the tragedy of their death drew brief attention to that body of pilots of no Service rank or status, who, on flying duties of a special kind, have the right to fly anywhere in Britain at any time.

What, then, is the work of the Air Transport Auxiliary?

They pilot Spitfires, Hurricanes, Wellingtons, Ansons and the most hush-hush aircraft that were ever wheeled on the tarmac. They wear a private uniform of their own—or just civilian clothes. They must be ready to fly anything, anywhere, in almost any weather.

They are paid, but some of them refuse to take the money. Yet they fly more types of aircraft than many a Service pilot has ever seen, and though they are sometimes found in areas thick with the enemy, they carry no arms and fly machines without guns or bombs. In fine—they have all the fun of war, some of the risks, none of the glory; and nothing to hit back with.

Men Of All Callings

Every one is a volunteer in the A.T.A. Some are millionaires and some are farmers. Several are stockbrokers and one is a professional huntsman. Three of them have only one arm and one man has one arm and one eye. Most are British but some are Poles and others are Americans. Some of the men were of no particular calling—men of leisure—in the piping times of peace—and others have worked hard all their lives for very little. But each man, whether he is 50 or 20, can fly. I doubt if anywhere in the world there is a body of men who have flown more different types of aircraft or had more diverse flying experience than these men—and women.

We drove in the winter dawn through narrow lanes lit with holly berries and warmed by rose-red old cottages to a wide expanse of gull-dappled grass. It

lacking to persuade them that their idea is mistaken, but those endeavours are obstructed by Britain. Altogether, Japan's efforts in this regard have been unsuccessful.

Strange how these malicious ideas get about!

looked peaceful, English, very much "away from it all." Yet, as we swung inside the barbed-wire fencing of their domain, there stood blue-clad sentries with fixed bayonets and we felt the pulse of war.

Waiting Aircraft

Aircraft of all sizes, shapes, colours and designs were to be found there. They lined the aerodrome, glimmered dimly in enormous hangars, peeped shyly from belts of woodland. The noses of aeroplanes stood up stiff, dark and triangular in the mist of dawn.

It was a queer, unfamiliar sight, for the scene lacked the Service trimness of an R.A.F. station, yet it transcended in its variety the cheerful cosmopolitan mass of machines of all sorts which one remembered on a civil airfield in the jolly days of peace.

We went to a long, low shed and entered an uncarpeted room furnished with chairs and a time-worn piano. A stove burned redly. Maps and charts chequered a table. The room was full of men. "Afraid it's not much of a mess," said my host and guide; "but you'll meet the boys—several you know here, too."

Banker Air Chief

As we talked, other pilots came in. There was Mr. Gerard d'Erlanger, tall, pale-faced, dark and uncommunicative. Now Mr. d'Erlanger is not only a hard-working banker but he is the live wire of commercial aviation in a big way. To-day he is chief of this very "mixed bag" of airmen and airwomen.

The mild-looking but highly surprising Mr. Leo Partridge entered, with a faint and quizzical smile. Mr. Partridge always rather looks as if he has lost his way in life, but that is merely his method of deceiving the world. Not only has he an eclectic taste in old furniture and a practised manner in big-game hunting, but he is a young man who possesses a surprising and audacious turn of wit.

The blunt and bluff Mr. Bill Harben joined the throng. Mr. Harben has a habit of taking the air with a cheater and a chimpanzee. They share a cottage.

I recognised a Brother Journalist, exchanged Brooklands re-

miniscences—shades of the Sunbeam Tigress!—with a couple of ex-racing drivers, and drank another cup of tea with a boot manufacturer.

His "Nice Day's" Work

An A.T.A. pilot's job would not be easy for the best all-round pilot in the world. He is almost invariably a man who has been refused for the R.A.F. because of age or disability. His job is to collect new aircraft, either from the factory or from the "collecting point" and fly them to whatever units of the Service need them. The result is that no one day's work is ever like another.

For example, my host, Mr. Richard Fairey, whose father builds the dive-bombers which put the cat among the pigeons at Taranto, was refused for the R.A.F. because of a spinal injury. Yet he has several thousand flying hours' experience and is qualified to fly all types of machines. That morning he took off in a Spitfire to the Midlands, delivered it; collected a Wellington, which he took on to Scotland, and then came back home via Bristol in an Anson. "Nice varied day but a bit tricky coming home, what with mist and barrage balloons. Risky things, those."

The idea of A.T.A. was born in the brain of Mr. d'Erlanger last August. He saw the day coming when British railways and roads might be wrecked, devastated areas virtually isolated and the R.A.F. perhaps unable to maintain communications. That was when the shadow of the Luftwaffe was bigger than its body has so far proved to be.

So Mr. d'Erlanger sought out F. D. Bradbrooke, the well-known air journalist, and they began to rope in all the pilots of any age who were unfit for R.A.F. service to form an emergency communication body of light aircraft.

"Plenty of us about who'd flown in the last war and since, you know; but when we offered ourselves they said, 'Oh, try A.R.P.'"

Within three weeks Mr. d'Erlanger had 40 expert pilots. Mr. Phillip Willis, the ballplate expert, was one. Mr. C. S. Napier, the aero engine designer, was another. So was Mr. Wally Handley, the racing motorist. Mr. Keith Jopp, who lost an arm and an eye in the last war, also joined. He is the oldest pilot of them all, but he has flown more than 150 Spitfires to date.

Since then A.T.A. has flown over one and a half million miles and delivered many thousands of machines, it operates from eight different stations. There are 220 pilots, of whom 20 are ex-civil air line pilots, seven are Poles and 25 are Americans.

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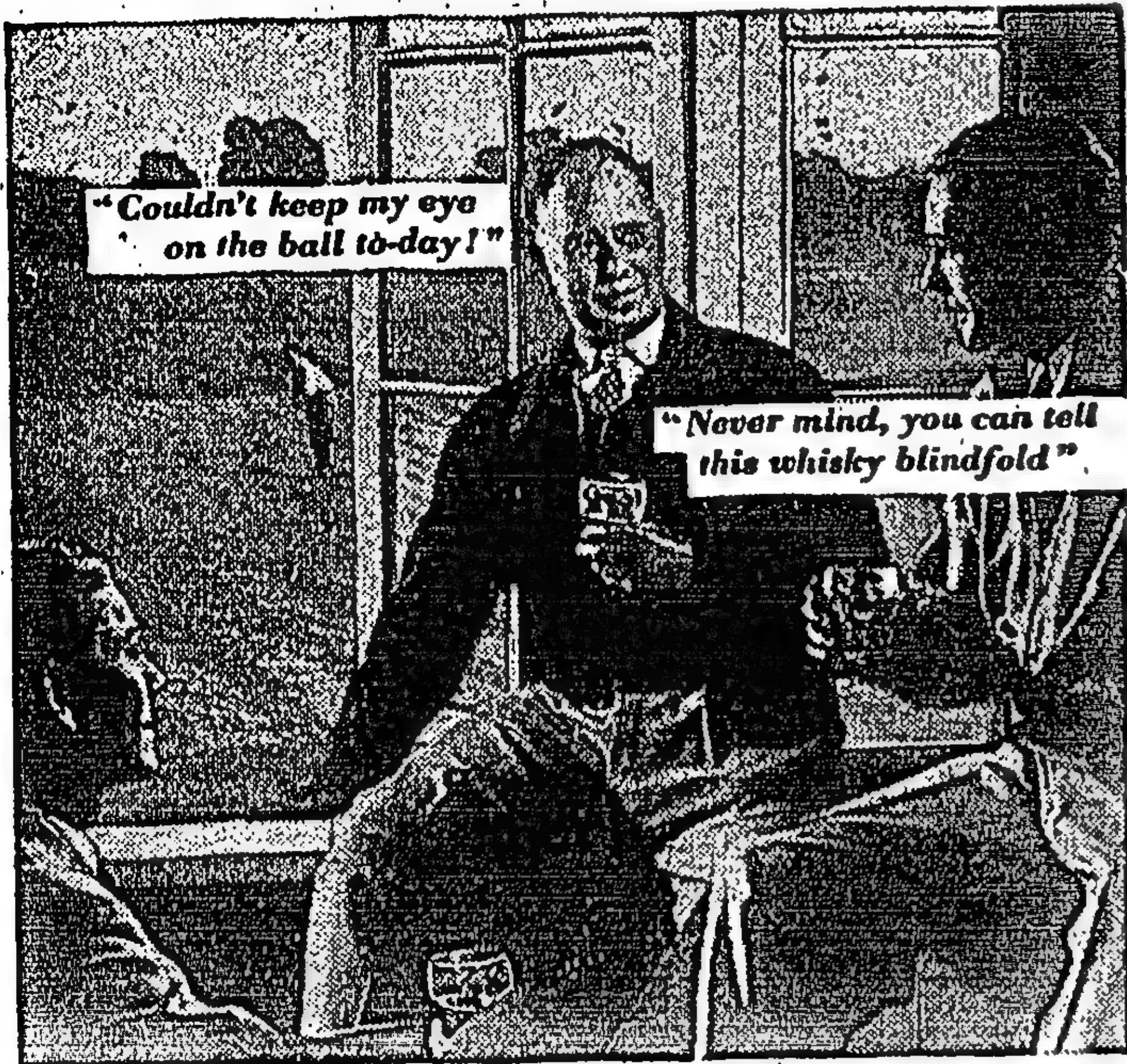
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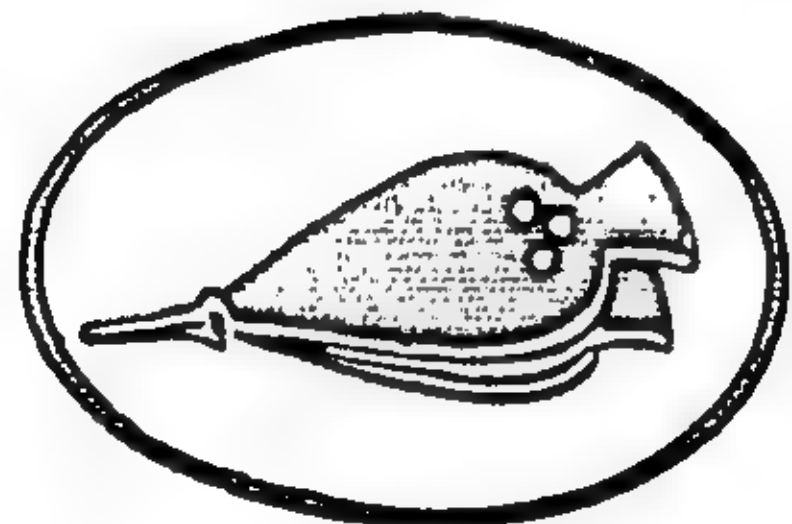
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HITLER'S BIG GAMBLE IN NEW INVASION

THE VALUE OF THE economic help the Allies can give Russia in the present conflict is keenly discussed in informed circles in London where the question is regarded as second only in importance to that of the Soviet's capacity to contain Germany's vast military offensive.

The two questions are in fact closely related. If the Russians succeed in holding the Germans the economic consequences will be extremely damaging to the invaders.

Lost already are all supplies from Russia and lost are all supplies from the East via the trans-Siberian railway. Particularly damaging will be the loss of petroleum and lubricating oils.

If the Germans succeed the occupying parts of Russia their gain depends on

Firstly, how much territory they occupy.

Second, how quickly.

Third, in what state they find the territory.

Should the Germans obtain possession of the Ukraine and the Caucasus only after a delay of six or eight weeks they will probably acquire very little of the 1941 harvest. They may gain some petroleum depending on the condition in which the industry is found.

If the Russian retreaters destroy or remove stocks and make plant unusable, the Germans cannot obtain much additional petroleum in Russia for at least a year.

New holes must be drilled and new equipment provided and so far as is known the Germans have not sufficient resources to refurnish and restock.

Regarding agriculture, the effect in war of Stalin's farm collectivisation policy is all to the disadvantage of the Germans.

Not only must precious German oil be diverted to keep farms going—since the Russians have not enough horses to replace mechanised equipment, but a complete reorganisation of agriculture will be necessary. Collective farms are worked on a central planning system, raw materials, equipment management and so on being obtained from central points, and if the Russians shall have taken the precaution to remove keymen and specialists, the Germans will have to import anything to a quarter million men, including agriculture managers, bookkeepers, storemen and many other grades.

Speed Essential

As for minerals, if the Germans need iron ore and having ship-ping available they can get it. If they reach the Urals there is

But can the Germans restart industrial machinery and management? Unless they complete their task very quickly and unless the Russians—an unlikely event—leave the organisation in all forms intact, the Germans' venture during the next twelve months will entail a big loss.—British Wireless.

COLONIAL WAR EFFORT

Disregarding interest-free loans, which amount to £1,800,000, the Colonial Governments have contributed £14,353,034 as money gifts to the war effort from their own revenue or reserves.

This was stated in a parliamentary reply by the Colonial Under-Secretary, who added that substantial new or increased undertakings had been entered by the Colonial Governments but the amounts involved could not yet be precisely stated.—British Wireless.

BOMBLESS DAY

No report of bombs having been dropped on Britain had been received up 8 p.m. It is officially stated.—British Wireless.

JAPAN TO SIT ON FENCE

Discussing for the first time Japan's plans to deal with the new international situation created by the Soviet entry into the war, "sources close to the Government" stated yesterday, according to the Domei agency:

"There will be no change in Japan's fundamental policy of attaching primary importance to a solution of the Sino-Japanese conflict and the establishment of a new order in East Asia."

"Consequently the Japanese Government is at present not placing undue importance on the question of issuing any announcement formally defining its attitude or clarifying its future policy, but prefers calmly to watch events abroad and deal with future developments as they arise."

"During this time the Cabinet will meet in extraordinary session wherever necessary and will also hold consultations from time to time with high officials of the War and Navy Ministries."—Reuter.

SOVIET BLACK SEA STRENGTH

THE RUSSIAN SUBMARINE FLOTILLA IN THE BLACK SEA WAS RECENTLY REINFORCED BY ADMIRAL KUZNETZOFF, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE RUSSIAN NAVY, ACCORDING TO NEWS REACHING ANKARA, SAYS THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH NEWS AGENCY.

This followed discussions regarding priority between the defences of the Baltic and Black Seas.

The Russians finally decided that defence of the Caucasus was more important as a supply centre of the Red Army.

The Russians are said to be constructing underground aerodromes in the Ukraine, with a view to avoiding the destruction of planes on the ground.—Reuter.

SECRET SESSION ON SHIPPING

The House of Commons yesterday discussed the shipping position in secret session. It is understood the Prime Minister made a comprehensive statement to the House.—Reuter.

The Indian Association of H.K. and South China will be "At Home" to-morrow to His Excellency, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, at the Gloucester Hotel at 5.20 p.m.

RED ARMY TO STAND ON OLD LINE

The Russians are withdrawing to their old defence works on the other side of the River Dniester but the advancing Germans are hampering them in taking up positions, according to Italian correspondents in Bucharest.

The Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Tidningen" quotes military quarters as saying the operations so far have been merely preliminaries to a great clash which is expected when the main Russian army is met, though tactical surprise methods have enabled the Germans to gain considerable ground in some regions.

It is expected that the encounter with the main Russian body will not be long delayed. The correspondent adds that it is declared in Berlin that the German forces are faster than anything yet seen in this war or in history.

Swedish correspondents in Berlin announce that concrete news of the fighting will probably be available during the day.—Reuter.

TOAST TO RUSSIA

"TO THE SUCCESS OF RUSSIA" WAS THE TOAST PROPOSED IN LONDON YESTERDAY AMID PROLONGED APPLAUSE BY LORD NATHAN AT A LUNCHEON AT WHICH M. IVAN MAISKY, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, WAS PRESENT.

M. Maisky replied: "I have no intention of speaking on this occasion but I would like, on behalf of my Government and country, to express my sincere gratitude to Lord Nathan for his toast."—Reuter.

N.Z. Gesture

Presiding at the first luncheon of the National Defence Public Interest Committee at which the Soviet Ambassador was a guest, Lord Nathan said: "It is right and proper to take this first opportunity of conveying to the peoples of Russia our profound good wishes for the success of their arms in the defence of their country against our common foe."

M. Maisky expressed his appreciation and thanks. The Prime Minister of New Zealand, who was guest of honour, said that two minutes after Mr. Churchill finished his broadcast on Sunday night he sent the cablegram asking for full support of the principles set forth in that speech and within a few hours received an endorsement.

Mr. Fraser spoke also of Hitler's obvious intention of removing the threat in the east before turning attention to the west.

Speaking of the battle for Crete he emphasised that "never again would British and Imperial forces meet the Nazis with such inequality in the air."—British Wireless.

THE KING'S SYMPATHY

The King and Queen have sent their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hoath, of Worthing, whose son, Lieutenant John James Hoath, of the Fleet Air Arm, has been killed in action. He was one of two pilots on the cruiser Southampton for the royal tour of Canada.

POLISH PILOT GETS FOUR ON FIRST DAY IN ACTION

A 25-YEAR-OLD NEWCOMER TO A FAMOUS POLISH SQUADRON OPENED HIS SCORE IN THE FIRST OFFENSIVE SWEEP ON MONDAY BY SHOOTING DOWN ONE ME109 AND PROBABLY A SECOND.

In the second sweep that day he destroyed three — the third one he rammed, cutting off its tail with the propeller of his Spitfire, after all his ammunition had gone.

He is now in hospital suffering from a cut forehead and a broken collar bone.

His squadron was acting as escort in an attack on a target in northern France. When 50 miles inside France at 14,000 feet a ME109 flew in to attack.

Wheeling round he fired five bursts with the cannon. The third burst blew the enemy into tiny pieces.

The Polish pilot was about to take up position in the squadron when he saw a ME109 attack a compatriot. He fired two short bursts at the ME109 which started to dog fight.

When he turned away the Pole chased after him. A short burst sent the enemy down in flames.

Again the pilot attempted to rejoin the squadron over the Channel but was attacked by another ME 109.

When the Pole realised he had run out of ammunition he turned sharply inside the 109 and rammed it, cutting the whole of the tail unit with the airscrew. His windscreen was covered with oil and a broken fragment from the enemy got him in the face.

Crash Landing

He made for the English coast blinded by the blood which poured from the wound, and landed in a small field.

The aircraft struck a telegraph pole and in the crash he broke a collar bone.

By his success he brought the squadron's score to 151 destroyed since the last day of August, 1940.

— British Wireless.

PRIESTS FIGHT FOR CATHEDRAL

St. George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Southwark, London, S.E., was destroyed by fire in a recent raid. The Sacrament was saved.

Priests climbed ladders to the lofty roof of the Sanctuary, but incendiary bombs were out of reach and the fire-fighters were handicapped because they had only stirrup pumps.

The roof fire became so fierce that the priests were forced to descend. They fought the flames inside the building until soldiers made them leave because of the danger.

The Bishop's House is intact. Services are being continued in a hall adjoining the cathedral.

Store Burnt Out

Thomas Wallis, the department store in Holborn, London, founded there as a linen draper's shop in 1826, has also been burnt out.

Firemen fought the flames all night and next day, but only the tottering walls of the shop remain.

Some windows at the U.S. Embassy were broken by blast during a recent raid when an H.E. bomb fell about a hundred yards away.

Incendiaries landed on the Embassy, but fire-watchers put them out.

The Ambassador was in the Embassy.

NEW NAZI AND R.A.F. FIGHTERS

Since Spitfires and Hurricanes of the R.A.F. began shooting down specimens of the new mark of Messerschmitt single-seater fighter ME109F there has been a good deal of speculation about the purpose for which it is designed and its real capabilities.

Four obvious differences between the new ME and its predecessors are that it has a more powerful engine, changed armament, pre-designed wings with rounded wing tips, and a new tail plane now devoid of bracing struts.

There are other changes, too, such as making the tail wheel retractable and giving a general cleaning up to the silhouette, which clearly aim at greater speed.

It is obvious these various improvements will result in a higher ceiling and better performance at height.

Britain's own single-seat fighters, the Hawker Hurricane and Vickers Spitfire, have undergone several modifications since the war began.

The results have been a great improvement to their performance in speed, height and other ways.

Interesting Feature

Re-engineing the ME 109 and giving it new wings and a better streamlining may be regarded as the Germans' contribution to the contest of improving existing types.

An interesting feature of the new ME is the way the armament is now distributed.

Wing guns have been dropped and all it has is one cannon of 15 m.m. firing through the airscrew hub, and two small bore machine-guns mounted on the fuselage.

This central grouping of the armament weight may result in better power of manoeuvre, never a strong point in the ME 109. So far the ME 109F has not been encountered in force.—British Wireless.

DEFENDS SHELTER MORALS

No information has reached the Home Office, suggesting that shelters are being used for immoral purposes during all clear periods, the Under-Secretary stated in the Commons. When Public Morality Council statements were referred to, he remarked: "This matter has been greatly exaggerated."

BATTLE OF THE NILE DELTA

In a survey of the African fighting yesterday, Colonel Walter Elliot, after referring to the invasion of Russia, said that in the eastern Mediterranean the Nile Delta was being held in strength and the strength of the enemy around it tested while clearing the flanks to south and east.

How great was this work of clearing our southern flank in East Africa was not generally recognized.

The campaign now approaching termination had cleared not only a land flank but the sea flank, both of vital importance.

To clear the Axis from the shores of both the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean, was the task which was undertaken and could only be undertaken by land forces, and is a striking example how armies and navies are indispensable to each other's strategy.

On the western flank in the Western Desert a heavy probe was recently undertaken against the enemy forces' positions.

The stalwart campaign which had been and is being carried on at Tobruk is another example of the interdependence of land and sea power.

At the present moment the northern flank in Syria was being cleared. It was a hard enough decision to go into Syria, harder still for the Free French.

The lesson of this war was that it was a war of quality, quality of men and quality of equipment, rather than numbers.

The quality of British equipment was first rate and the quantity was rapidly coming forward. The quality of the men was, according to all observers, very high.—British Wireless.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 3rd July to the 24th July inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

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BRIDGE NOTES

WATCHING THE SPOTS

By The Four Aces

South opened a "mouse-trap" hand and thereafter could not stop his partner from going to a Slam. The outcome was a triumph of poetic justice, for South had opened the bidding because of his strong spot-cards, and it was a spot-card which gave him eventual victory.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 8 5
♥ A 4
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A K J 7 5
WEST
♠ K 10 4
♥ K 7 6 2
♦ Q 10 6 4
♣ 6 2
EAST
♠ Q 7 6 3 2
♥ 10 9 8
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 4 3

SOUTH
♠ J 9
♥ Q J 8 5
♦ A K J
♣ Q 10 9 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led a trump, fearing that any other lead would cost a trick. Dummy won with the King, and South won another trump with the nine.

Declarer then led the Queen of hearts for a finesse, holding the trick with the Queen. A low heart to the lone heart of the successful play. It was clear that East had either no more hearts or the lone ten of hearts. If the former, the hearts were useless; if the latter, the heart eight could be established.

South therefore returned to his hand with a high diamond to lead the Jack of hearts. West covered with the King, dummy ruffed, and East dropped the all-important ten.

South could then return to his hand with the remaining high diamond to discard dummy's last diamond on the established eight of hearts. Only a spade trick had to be lost.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 9 5 2
♥ 8
♦ J 7 5 3
♣ Q 7 4

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Partner
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid one spade. Whether to make any response at all is a bit of a question if the high-card strength is considered, but the singleton heart is a decisive factor. The chances are very good that some better contract than one heart can be found.

Score 100% for one spade, 50% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 752

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken Jacoby You Partner
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

WOMEN WORKERS ARE "STICKERS"

Mr. Watson Smyth, head of the training department of the Ministry of Labour, said at Oxford that women war workers' interest in their work had been exemplified by the way they had been known to stick to their jobs during an Alert, when the men slunk away to shelters.

Blitz Stew Is Stand-By

BLITZ STEW will be the standby in London's emergency communal feeding arrangements if the city is so severely knocked about in a raid that existing feeding arrangements fail.

Great stocks of the stew have been prepared. It has been served in the Londoners' Meal Service canteens, and in the County Hall canteen. Verdict in every case was "First rate."

First aim of the emergency feeding kitchens will be to see that everybody gets an easily-prepared and satisfying meal on which a day's work can be done.

Blitz stew is the meal. With bread and tea it has been found ideal.

On the day after a heavy raid people usually are too excited to eat much. For that day they can have blitz stew.

Stew For Sixpence

Later, when transport arrangements improve, meat can be added, turning the blitz stew into Irish stew. Milk can be added, making it richer.

Charge for the blitz stew will be sixpence. When meat is added the cost may be 8d. or 9d. Tea will be 1½d. a cup.

A kitchen which serves 200 meals can serve 1,000 blitz stew meals in four or five hours.

Off The Menu

The cut of one-seventh in milk supplies threatens the traditional pot of tea in London's tea-shops.

Manageresses have to see that all customers get milk in their tea. A jug of milk on the table runs away with too much milk. That means no more pots of tea.

But manageresses are given discretion, and they can serve pots if they think supplies will run to it.

Icecream Still

—But Less

There will be ice-cream this summer—but NOT as usual. One firm says there will be no "Stop-me-and-buy-one" men.

Some manufacturers have had their cold-storage plants taken over by the Government for food storing.

Firms still making ices are using secret recipes. One uses wheaten flour as a foundation, with sugar and fats added.

Reason for the shortage of ice-cream is the order prohibiting the use of milk in its manufacture.

Fish Trade Warned

The Food Minister threatened in the House of Lords to use compulsory powers to get proper distribution and reasonable prices for fish.

He said he was confident that dealers would sell at reasonable prices. He much preferred that the trade should act alone, but if it didn't he would know what to do.

SUPPLY OF RAZOR BLADES DOUBLED

More safety-razor blades and tinplate buckets, kettles and saucepans are to be on sale soon. The effective quota for these goods for the period June 1 to November 30 will be 50 per cent. Instead of 25 per cent, the Board of Trade announces.

There are few changes in the quotas for the next restriction period. The effective quota for spring mattresses will remain at 25 per cent.

There have been difficulties in obtaining supplies of mattresses in districts affected by air raids, but quantities outside the quota will be supplied to local authorities who can equip rest centres and homeless people.

In view of the demand for cheap suitcases, especially among evacuees from bombed districts, the effective quota for goods of this class made of fibre-board will be 50 per cent. Instead of 33-1-3 per cent. The effective quota for glassware and pottery will be reduced from 33-1-3 per cent. to 20-2-3 per cent.

SEAMEN HURT—HIT BY SMALL RATIONS

Treatment of six injured seamen had to be retarded because the civilian meat ration was insufficient to build up their strength.

Sir Ion Hamilton Benn revealed this to the annual court of governors of the Seamen's Hospital Society in London when urging Service rations for injured merchant seamen.

Sir Ion explained that the strength of the six seamen could not be built up sufficiently on their rations for them to do the exercises which would restore the use of their injured limbs.

Unfair Distinction

The Government, he said, contributed to the cost of treatment of merchant seamen injured by the enemy, but no State aid was received for those injured or with their health impaired by exposure or strain.

"In one bed there may be a soldier, Royal Navy sailor or airman who, through no fault of his own, has not yet encountered the enemy or endured extreme hardship. He is entitled to Service rations.

"In the next bed lies a sailor straight from a Merchant Navy ship which has been torpedoed or bombed. He is classed as a civilian casualty, or even civilian sick if, having avoided enemy attack, he has only contracted pneumonia from exposure on watch.

"He is only allowed the same rations as you or me, though he is really a front line combatant."

T.U.C.'S CONTEMPT FOR "GO EASY"

"The time of this Congress is being wasted—the price of defeat would be that you would not even be allowed to talk about this."

In these words Mr. Charles Murdoch, vice-president of the Scottish T.U.C., at Dunoon, condemned a Greenock resolution urging the workers to dissociate themselves from the Churchill Government.

"Certain organisations," he said, "are asking our lads now fighting to take things easier so that the Government can be changed."

"Man for man our people can win this war, but to win it we must also have gun for gun, tank for tank, and plane for plane. The only people who can provide these are those in the trade union movement."

"For Heaven's sake, do not stop now. Our lads are up against it. I hope Congress will treat this move with the ridicule and the contempt it deserves."

The Greenock resolution was defeated by a large majority.

By George MacManus

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Eggs Are Plentiful--Let's Use Them Freely

Suggests Dorothy Greig

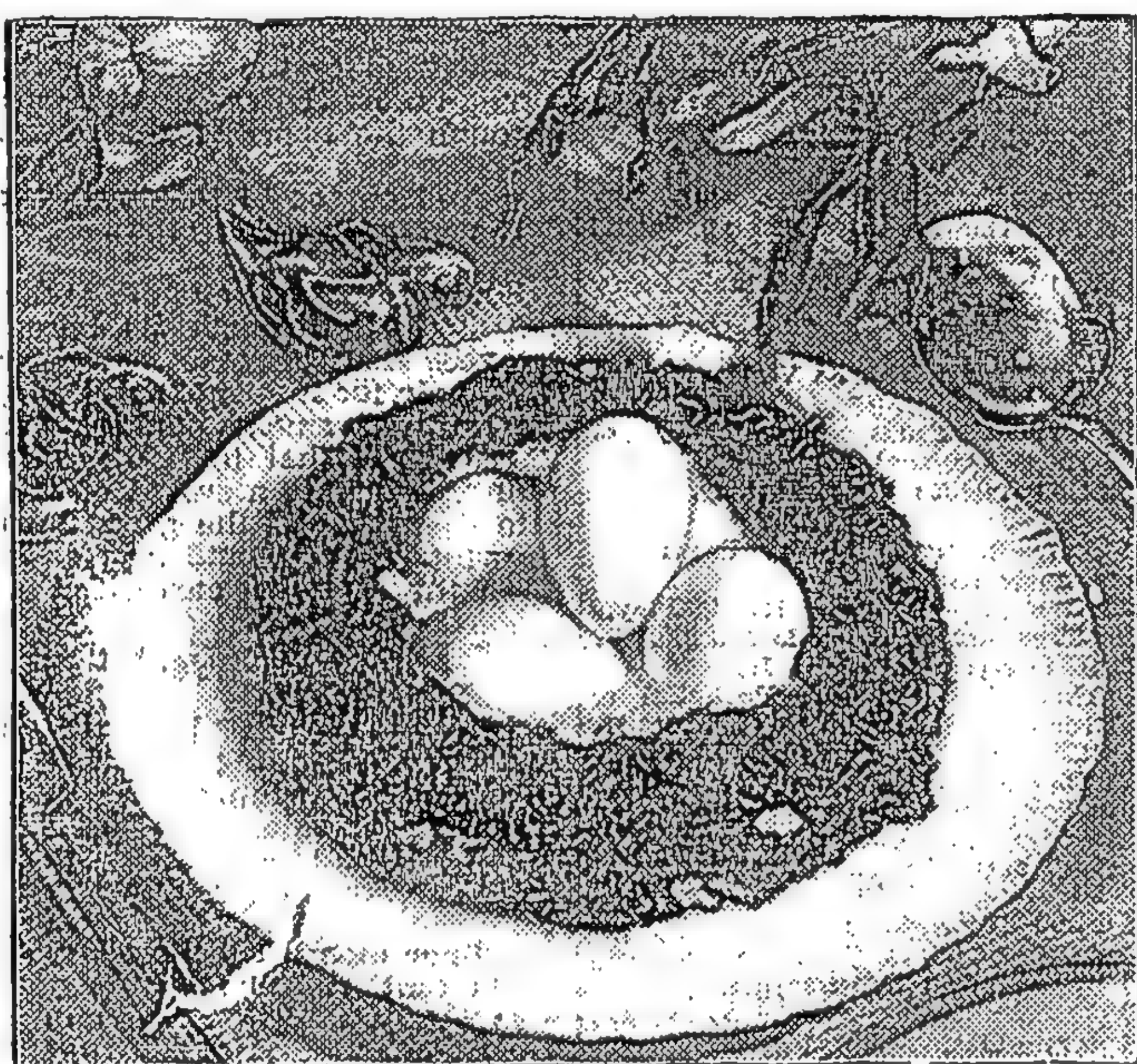
Lives there the woman who hasn't at one time or another said, "With eggs in the house, I can always put a meal together." And that is certainly the case.

Eggs fit into any meal—breakfast, lunch, dinner or supper. Eggs are highly nutritious — and without waste. Everybody likes eggs, and eggs like everybody. Right now with Mrs. Hen on a mass production basis, it's the perfect time to serve eggs even more frequently, and to use them freely in cooking.

Recently I evolved a new way of serving eggs for lunch or supper that is really delicious. It's fun to serve, too, because it looks like eggs in a nest. This is the way it goes — and you'll like its delicate cheese sauce:

Creamed Whole Eggs in Cheese Sauce

5 or 6 hard-cooked eggs
To prepare eggs: — Cook the eggs for 12 minutes in gently



A spinach ring filled with whole eggs in cheese sauce is a delicious lunch or supper dish.

Fish-Mushroom LOAF

by Dorothy Greig

THE big solemn gaze of my small fry visitor watched me as I turned out this loaf and started to slice it. "It's tidy, isn't it?" she observed.

That seemed an odd but amusingly accurate way to describe the tuna loaf. For it does slice down neatly without breaking or shedding crumbs.



It might be called a Surprise Loaf because while made of tuna fish its flavor resembles chicken. Then, too, the condensed soup gives a subtle mingling of mushroom flavor through and through.

Serve this loaf cold or hot. It's good either way:

1 can tuna fish (7 oz. also)
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
1 tablespoon pimiento, chopped
1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
eggs

Put the tuna fish in a strainer and run hot water over it to take out the extra oil; then put the meat through the food chopper, using the small blade. Soak the bread crumbs in the 1/2 cup milk. Then combine tuna fish, bread crumbs with milk, pimiento, parsley, seasonings, cream of mushroom soup, and eggs and mix thoroughly. Put into a well-greased loaf pan and bake in a moderate oven (375° F.) for 50-60 minutes. Size of loaf 7"x3"x2 1/2". Serves 6-7.

boiling water. Pour cold water over eggs and remove shells immediately and put whole peeled eggs into warm water so as to keep warm before putting into the sauce.

Cheese Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
2 ounces mild cheese

Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir well, then add milk and finely sliced or grated cheese. Heat until the cheese is melted. Pour the cheese sauce over the hot hard-cooked eggs.

Serve in a spinach ring — or a rice ring, if you prefer.

And then, of course, there is omelet. We all have our favorite way of serving it. Here's mine — all fixed up with a zippy sauce and fit to set before a king.

The Omelet

6 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
Pinch of pepper
3 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons butter

Beat the eggs until well mixed; then add seasonings and water and mix again. Melt the butter in a pan and place over a moderate flame. Pour eggs in pan and as the omelet cooks, lift the edges and tip the pan so that the uncooked egg flows under the cooked portion of the omelet. When bottom is browned, put three tablespoons of Ham and Tomato Sauce in the omelet and fold over or roll. Serve omelet on a platter or plate and put more sauce over or around it. Serves 3-4.

The Ham and Tomato Sauce

2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 clove garlic
1 medium size onion chopped
3/4 cup boiled ham or prepared ham loaf
1 can condensed tomato soup
1 teaspoon sugar

Cook the very finely sliced garlic and chopped onion in the cooking oil, until soft, about 10 minutes. Then add ham cut in narrow strips about 3/4 inch long, cover and cook slowly for 10 more minutes. Add the tomato soup and sugar and cook until flavours are well blended.



"The bugle call may be music to some of the fellows' ears," says the gay young blade, "but to him it's just a lot of jarring notes."

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RADIO CROSS LEFT A SIGN ON LAWN

(By A Special Correspondent)

The lawn was a carpet between the rectory and the old church, a strip of green in crowded London, with daffodils growing sparsely at its edges.

To-day, slashed across the lawn, burned into the earth by flames that German bombs started, is the symbol of the nation's faith, the Cross.

It wasn't a famous church, those as they fell into the furnace at the tower's base. who preached from its pulpit didn't get their name in the papers, and fashionable brides were never married there, but it played its part in the lives of the people whose homes and work and pleasure pressed in upon it and its quiet lawn.

So when the first flames began to lick up the sides of the square tower, men and women looked up and spoke of it as "our church," and others joined them as they ran to help in the job of saving it.

Cross Aflame

There were plenty of helpers, but the incendiaries had fallen where it was impossible to get at them and the flames swept along, across the span of the roof, through the floors of the tower.

And on top of the tower was the great wooden cross.

Soon it was all aflame, and as the fire ate through its base it swayed, then broke away, poised in the air for a moment as though the rolling smoke clouds were giant hands that held it, and so plunged down, a sword of fire, into the heart of the green lawn, to print its shape and its message upon the scorched earth.

Font Saved

As the church burned and bombs were falling the helpers saved many things the eagle lectern, the plate, the altar front, some of the records of baptism, marriage, death.

Four men lifted the 300-year-old font, risked much to get it to safety, and in a few minutes saw beams crash down and smash it to pieces.

The bells rang their last peal

If Somebody There Chanced to Be
Muriel Dickson (Soprano).

The Mikado—Our Great Mikado....
George Baker & Chorus of Men;
Young Man, Despair....Leo Sheffield,
Derek Oldham & George Baker;
And Have I Journey'd....
Derek Oldham & Leo Sheffield.

'Patience'—Love is a Plaintive Song
Winifred Lawson (Soprano).

The Yeomen of the Guard—Comes the
Pretty Young Bride....Full
Company; Leonard, My Loved One
Winifred Lawson, Derek Oldham,
George Baker & Chorus.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Renara at the Piano.
Rhythm of The Rain, Intro, 'Valentine';
I Was Lucky (both from 'The Man from 'Folles Berge');
Miracles Sometimes Happen (Ray Noble);
Variations on 'Tipperary' (Williams & Judge).

9.15 p.m.—Studio-Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.
Ball At The Savoy—Selection (Abram);
Three Ballet Tunes; The Leap Year Waltz (both from Novel-lo's 'The Dancing Years').

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Songs by Evelyn Laye (Soprano) & Richard Crooks (Tenor).
Gipsy Moon (Borghetti); Just To Linger In Your Arms (Arnold);
Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orch.

When I Grow Too Old To Dream:
The Night Is Young (both from film 'The Night Is Young'); Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—A Rachmaninoff Programme.
Polichinello; Prelude in B Flat; Left Poulahoff (Piano).
Symphony No. 3 in A Minor, Op. 44—1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Adagio ma non troppo; 3rd Mov: Allegro....Sergei Rachmaninoff conducting the Philadelphia Orch.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

New Altar

To-day the church seems dead, roofless, its tower stubbed down to half its height, its eight strong pillars broken off.

Wisps of smoke rise from the deep rubble, are caught by the wind sweeping through the ruin of the walls.

But already the aisle has been cleared and again is a pathway to the altar. Already an altar has been built, of seared bricks and broken stones piled one on another to form a rough table.

For on Sunday the church is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the present building.

The choir will walk round the wreck of their church as they sing the Litany, will pause at the foot of the Cross that is burned into the little green lawn.

And the sparse daffodils will sway in the wind, and the church will be alive again.

WOMEN'S PLEA TO MINISTER

Some 10,000 British-born women in this country have lost their nationality because they are married to foreigners, 1,500 of them to Germans or Austrians. To urge the restoration of their rights a deputation of 25 women saw Mr. Osbert Peake, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Home Office.

They were led by Mrs. Patrick Ness, president of the National Council of Women, and represented 11 women's societies.

The plight of denationalised women was put by one of the speakers, Mrs. Isabel Donze, secretary of the Nationality of Married Women Committee.

She herself is a victim of the law's anomalies, because as the wife of an American she is no longer British, and, since she has never been able to establish an American residence, she cannot acquire United States nationality.

Cannot Own A Bicycle

"They cannot move more than five miles from their homes without a police permit. They must not enter restricted areas. They are not allowed to own a bicycle or a wireless set."

"I myself could not get a passport in peace time, and before I could pay a visit to Copenhagen I had to get a friend of mine, a peer, to vouch for me."

"But foreign women married to Englishmen are not restricted at all. Our view is that before they receive British nationality they should satisfy the same conditions as apply to naturalised aliens. They should live here for a year and prove a knowledge of our laws, language and customs."

"It is only since 1870 that Englishwomen have lost their nationality on marriage to a foreigner, and in the last 22 years 19 countries, including the United States have reformed their laws. We are urging that women should have the right to choose whether they will keep their British nationality when they marry."

BOYS NOT TO DO MEN'S WORK

Boys who are earning high wages clearing away debris in London may soon find labour exchanges taking a special interest in them, for the London Regional Advisory Council for Juvenile Employment has told the exchanges that it does not consider this is suitable work for boys.

The Restriction on Engagement Order requires employers needing such workers to employ them only through the exchanges, who can therefore take action against employers who do not consult them, and can use their influence with those who do.

An official of the Council stated: "This sort of work leads a lad nowhere and it does him no good physically, because he is doing a man's work before he is fit for it."

"The exchanges have no power to prevent such employment, but the order does give us a measure of control."

"The trouble has increased because of the shortage of labour. In normal times there was no need to restrict the hours of work of juveniles in this kind of job, because no juveniles were employed in it. So now there is nothing to prevent their working long hours, and by doing so they can earn high wages."

"We find that a number of lads are taken on for this work at men's wages without any approach to the Exchange. In some cases they creep in by oversight and their ages are later revealed by their employment books. In other cases, foremen have just slipped them in."

"It is rather difficult to discover those cases of boys who were deliberately taken on without reference to the Exchange."

A boy earning £5 a week all the year through would pay £27 Income Tax.

QUIET DAY ON THE STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally firm but business was quiet. Gilt-edged securities showed an all-round advance and industrials also tended higher with further investment demand in heavies. Among foreign bonds Japanese were strong and generally £2 higher while Chinese and Brazilians also improved. Kaffirs were irregularly higher. Wall Street was slow.—Reuter.

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JUDGE AND WOMAN'S CLOTHES

Mr. Justice Cassels, in the King's Bench, questioned a woman about her "somewhat expensive investment" in clothes.

She was Mrs. Kate Powell, Wigton Hall, Wigton, Cumberland. She is suing Mr. Walter Joseph Reid, of the Royal Automobile Club, for £575 7s. 6d. under an agreement made between them on June 19 last.

Mrs. Powell is claiming for the loss of her car and personal possessions when helping Mr. Reid and his wife to escape from France at the time of the collapse last June.

Mr. Justice Cassels remarked that Mrs. Powell's claim included "a considerable sum" for clothes and asked, "How much did you spend on clothes before your husband died?"

Mrs. Powell replied, "I don't know, but my husband was getting cross." She added that her Italian dressmaker was a wonderful woman and the clothes she bought were to last her the rest of her life.

Mr. Justice Cassels adjourned the hearing.

MANNEQUIN WIFE AND RICH MAN

A decree nisi, with costs, was granted by Mr. Justice Hodson in the Divorce Court recently in favour of Mr. Philip Henry Riseley, R.N.V.R., on the ground of the adultery of his wife, Eleanor Mary Maxwell, with Mr. Charles Lee, partner in a firm of metal brokers. Damages of £1,500 were awarded against the respondent, whose evidence was given on commission in New York.

Mr. Justice Hodson, giving judgment, said that the husband was a man of moderate means, and his wife was said to be tall and attractive. She worked as a mannequin and was stated to be fond of gaudy.

Mr. Lee's financial position was obviously superior to that of Mr. Riseley. It was difficult to ascertain to what extent Mr. Lee's display of wealth influenced Mrs. Riseley, but she seemed to have been carried away by the glamour which he was able to give out.

PRISONERS' PARCELS BY SEA

The first shipload of British Red Cross parcels for prisoners of war left Lisbon for Marseilles recently under the new escort system agreed to between Britain and Germany through the medium of the International Red Cross.

Under this system each vessel will carry aboard a representative of the International Red Cross as escort and supercargo. He will make the seven days' voyage to Marseilles, supervise the discharge of the mailbags and return in the same ship to Lisbon.

Four Swiss have arrived in London to undertake these duties, but, as each will be away more than a fortnight, additional controllers will be needed to maintain a frequent and regular service.

As recently reported, letters from camps indicate that parcels are now arriving more satisfactorily. A few are still being sent overland via Spain, but the sea route is regarded by the Red Cross as speedier and more reliable.

CREDITORS PAID OUTSIDE COURT

Witnesses at the court-martial of an officer in London recently testified that they had been paid money due to them outside the court.

Sec. Lt. Philip Arthur Wilkinson, of the R.A.S.C., was found not guilty on 10 of 19 charges relating to cheques which it was alleged were returned when presented to his bank. The decision of the court on the remaining charges and on a charge of drunkenness, to which Sec. Lt. Wilkinson pleaded guilty, will be announced.

For the defence it was stated that Sec. Lt. Wilkinson had been foolish and unbusinesslike, but there was no element of scandal. Every penny of the money involved had been paid that morning.

WAR TIME ONE-FLOOR HOUSES

The results of a competition which may be a pointer to post-war housing design has been sent in booklet form by the Royal Institute of British Architects to all housing committees in the country.

The competition, held last September, was for industrial housing designs in war-time, and the buildings were to be planned for peacetime use and to give adequate A.R.P. protection.

A total of 159 designs were submitted. The winners of the first prize, J. G. Ledebor and George Fairweather, of London, proposed a single-storey building which gave complete protection in the sleeping area, and could be completed with a second storey after the war.

Also illustrated in the booklet, which is published at 2s, are plans for estates which could be readily camouflaged against aerial detection and which would not be out of place in the post-war countryside.



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Billiards And Snooker Exhibition For War Fund

IT IS LEARNED FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT SALE OF TICKETS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER GAMES IN AID OF THE BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND, TO BE PLAYED AT CLUB DE RECREIO TO-MORROW EVENING, HAS GONE VERY ENCOURAGINGLY AND THERE IS EVERY REASON TO HOPE THAT THE STANDS, SPECIALLY ERECTED IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE CLUB FOR THE OCCASION, WILL BE PACKED TO CAPACITY.

In order that spectators may have the best possible view of the game, the committee in charge of arrangements have moved the table to the centre of the hall and everything is set for a very successful evening.

The programme for the night will be—

BILLIARDS

A. J. Osmund v E. D. Bush
(Colonial Champion) (formerly of Shanghai)

SNOOKER

A. P. Pereira v M. N. Rakusen
(Unofficial Colonial Champion) (Civil Service C.C.)

EXHIBITION OF TRICK SHOTS

C. Terran, European Y.M.C.A. In view of the widespread interest taken in the games, we give below thumbnail sketches of the players concerned.

A. J. OSMUND, Colonial champion since 1923, won his first title in 1921

WASS' GOLF WIN

At Happy Valley on Tuesday, D. Wass beat J. W. MacDonald by 1 up, at the 18th hole, in the Final of the Hong Kong Police Handicap Golf Competition, for the Kent Cup. MacDonald conceded a handicap of three strokes to his opponent.

MacDonald, who had been winner of this tournament since 1938, has been in the final every year following his arrival here in 1936. Prior to coming to Hong Kong, he played a good deal of golf in the north of Scotland and in 1934 was in the semi-final of the Northern Championship. He has, in addition, won a number of club tournaments and also many Summer competitions.

One of the skips in Third Division of the Lawn Bowls League for Police R.C., MacDonald played in the Dufftown championship in 1935, winning the singles championship. He won five other competition prizes the same year, and had the misfortune of having to withdraw from the Scottish Highland Pairs Championship after he had reached the Fourth Round when his partner fell ill.

WATER-POLO RESULTS

Two matches were played in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament yesterday.

"Y" POOL
Combined Small Units beat Navy "C" 4-1. MacDonald (2) Knightley and Thorley scored for C.S.U. and Hall for Navy.

ARMY POOL
Royal Scots shared four goals with 965th R.A. Hunter and Davidson scored for Royals and Pidgeon and Langridge for 965th.

TO-DAY'S WATER POLO GAMES

Following is to-day's Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament programme:

At the Army Pool, European Y.M.C.A. v 30th Battery, R.A. (7.15 p.m.)

Navy "A" v Royal Scots "A" (7.45 p.m.)

Royal Corps of Signals v Middlesex "A" (8.15 p.m.)

At the Y.M.C.A. Pool, R. Navy "B" v Combined Small Units (7.15 p.m.)

Navy "C" v Royal Scots "B" (7.45 p.m.)

Middlesex "B" v 965th Battery, R.A. (8.15 p.m.)

from P. A. Yvanovich who recaptured the crown the following year, only to lose it again in 1923 when they clashed for the third time in the final of the Colony Championship. Osmund is a left-handed player and has a large variety of strokes at his command. Highest break in his career is 267, made some years ago, and he has over 100 three-figure breaks to his credit. He has represented Hong Kong in inter-club matches against Shanghai and as recently as last month made a break of 150.

Break Of 186

E. D. BUSH, who has often been called the former Shanghai champion, never actually won the title, though he was in the final four times, on each occasion losing to C. W. Porter by a few points in games of 2,000 up. Bush was captain of the Thirty Club and also Lusitano Club teams that won the Shanghai Billiards League and has played inter-club for that port. Highest break is 186, and has over 100 three-figure breaks to his credit. Bush has won many club titles in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Hankow and has also played against world-famous cueists.

Osmund's Protege

A. P. PEREIRA, more popularly known as "Spotty", learned his snooker at the Palace Hotel where he received useful instruction from I. L. Goldenberg. When Osmund, Colony billiards champion, saw the promise shown by this youngster, he took him under his wing, and ever since Pereira has gone from strength to strength. Won his first title at Catholic Union Club in 1933 and when they won the Steel, Coulson League in 1935 and 1936 Pereira was a member of both teams. Pereira has also represented Volunteer Defence Corps in the Soldiers' Club League which they won four times and were runners-up three years. Best break is 54, made at Recreio last year, and three times this year he has met Cpl. Harvey, Army champion, in exhibition games, winning all three of them. Best billiards break is 135.

Elusive Century

M. N. RAKUSEN, has been one of the leading snooker players at Kowloon Cricket Club and Civil Service C.C. over a number of years. He is very interested in both billiards and snooker and was both hon. secretary and president of the now defunct Hong Kong Billiards Association. His highest break at snooker is 36 and at billiards 98. In connection with the latter game, it is of interest to note that though Rakusen has passed the 90 mark on several occasions, the 100 has up till the present remained elusive. Other interests include lawn bowls at which he is the present Colony champion, winning the title from M. R. Abbas last year.

One Hour Game

The billiards exhibition will be of one hour duration instead of 300 up as originally arranged.

Both players, on present form, can knock up 300 points in a very short time.

After the exhibition there will be a jazz-ball competition, open to all.

C. TERRAN, one of the leading billiards players at European "Y" and a very clever exponent of trick shots, first played billiards in 1919, just after he had left school. Two years later he played in his home town's (Leeds) League, just getting into the side, as the age minimum was 18 years. In 1922 Terran joined the Army and first came to the Colony in 1927, but has been away again for some time since. Was a member of H.A.M.C. team that carried off the Garrison League and Hong Kong Area Championships for the last three years, and last year he averaged 149.64 out of a possible 150 in 18 games. He has played billiards for 25 years but his duties have been such that he has never had a chance for regular practice. He holds a Grade B certificate of the Billiards Association and Control Council for Billiards and Snooker (as a referee).

In the Colony Junior Chess championship tournament, V. V. Kolachoff beat E. M. Petrova on Tuesday.

No League tennis matches were played yesterday, owing to heavy rain which fell shortly after the tiffin hour.

J. C. S. Fender and J. Orem, of Police, J. Watson of K.B.G.C. and H.K.F.C. and T. Armstrong of K.B.G.C. are back from leave and will be playing bowls shortly. Fender and Orem in the Rinks matches next Sunday.

ELECTRIC WIN

In a friendly floodlight lawn bowls match last night at Ming Yuen, Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club beat Lane Crawford's by 67 shots to 49. Scores—R. A. Owens, A. G. Everett, C. E. Gahagan, J. F. Lunny (Elec.) beat A. J. Prata, G. Edgar, G. Tanner, E. C. Fincher, 24-20; W. E. Macfarlane, R. W. Smith, A. G. Gardner, L. de Rome (Elec.) beat E. Baker, H. Burson, S. Carr, A. B. Hamson 19-16; J. Roscoe, W. Baker, A. F. Paul, J. K. Sloan (Elec.) beat W. Bonner, J. Lodge, W. C. F. Ogley, G. E. Zimmern 23-13.

FAVOURITE'S IRISH DERBY SUCCESS

The Irish Derby, in which there were 10 runners, was won yesterday by Mr. John Dillon's Soloreins, ridden by G. Wells, with Sir Percy Loraine's Khario second and Mr. H. Hartigan's Etoile de Lyons third. E. M. Quirie rode Khario and Joe Canty took out Etoile de Lyons.

The winner is the son of Hyperion, which also sired last week's English Newmarket Derby winner, Owen Tudor.

Soloreins was the favourite, at 9 to 4, with Khario second favourite at 3 to 1. Odds on the third horse were 8 to 1.

Soloreins won by a length with 4 lengths between second and third. The English challengers, Easy Chair and Lynchon, were not in the picture.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams—

C.C.C. v P.O.R.C. (1)
S.C.A.A. v J.R.C.
C.R.C. v C.B.A.
K.I.T.C. v I.R.C.

S.C.A.A.—C. M. Tsang and S. S. Yau; W. H. Mok and P. Y. Kwok; K. C. Wong and S. L. Chung.

C.B.A.—T. Tomashevsky and D. T. Smith; N. Whitley and V. C. Bond; B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert.

C.R.C.—T. M. Wong and T. Y. Liang; L. N. Tsang and T. J. Choi; C. Y. Tso and Chan Yiu.

I.R.C.—M. Hassan and K. Nazarin; M. S. Hassan and M. I. Razack; G. Singh and A. J. Sufiad.

P.O.R.C. (1)—S. S. Chim and S. K. Chim; K. W. Wong and Y. S. Fung; W. Morrison and J. Howlett.

C.C.C.—K. M. Au and C. M. Lee; M. C. Hung and T. K. Lin; Y. C. Mok and P. C. Yue.

Post Office Recreation Club (2) have called off their fixture with A.T.C. on account of the rain.

NEW TALENT FOR H.B.?

It was learned this morning, from usually reliable sources, that Nip Lum and Wally Ching, who played for Chinese Baseball Club in the Baseball League last year, and who were rumoured to be turning out for South China this season, have joined H.B. Ball Club.

Efforts to confirm this from Mr. Roy Lau, Hon. Secretary of the Baseball League, met with the reply that "I have heard nothing officially, though I must admit there have been rumours to that effect."

CHAMPIONS MEET REST

The champions of the recently completed "Kin Shing Cup" Basketball League (on roller skates), Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union, will meet a team representing The Rest of the League, in an exhibition match, at Kowloon Skating Rink on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m. The Rest team has not yet been selected.

On the same afternoon, the management of the Rink has arranged a hockey match between Middlesex and the Rink, while an exhibition of fancy skating will also be given later in the afternoon.

BOWLS CHANGES FOR LEAGUE MATCHES ON SATURDAY

A NOTABLE ABSENTEE FROM RECREIO "A's" LEAGUE BOWLS TEAM THIS WEEK IS C. G. SILVA WHO, AS REPORTED IN THESE COLUMNS YESTERDAY, WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN LEAGUE BOWLS AGAIN THIS SEASON. HIS PLACE IS BEING TAKEN BY H. A. ALVES AS SKIP.

J. Luz and C. E. Marques, selected as the first two men to Silva for their postponed game last week, will retain their positions with Alves, who will have J. E. Noronha as No. 3. Last week Alves and Noronha were selected as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively to F. X. Silva.

There are no changes in R. F. Luz's rink, but F. X. Silva will have C. M. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in the places of Alves and Noronha. Last week Ribeiro, who was a doubtful starter, was chosen as No. 3 to Carlos Silva, while C. M. Silva, selected as No. 3 to J. Basto in Recreio "B" last Saturday, has received promotion.

Two of the three Recreio "B" rinks—those led by L. J. Silva and A. P. Guterres—remain intact. C. A. Lopes, selected as No. 3 to J. R. Soares in Second Division last week, comes into the side in place of C. M. Silva as No. 3 to J. J. Basto, Silva having gone to the "A" team.

In Third Division there are a number of changes. P. Yvanovich will have H. R. Pinna and A. A. Roza as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in place of F. X. Monteiro and M. F. Pinna. Monteiro goes to M. A. Carvalho's rink as No. 3 in place of A. F. Noronha, while Pinna is given a rink instead of the absent M. A. Alarcon. The latter had G. A. Pinna, E. A. Alves and M. Mendonca selected as his front men last week, but Pinna will have a new No. 2 in L. A. Rosario, Alves being an absentee.

H.K.F.C. Changes

Hong Kong Football Club, whose match against Prison Officers on June 14 was postponed on account of wet weather, have made two changes for their match against Talkoo this weekend.

In W. Gill's rink J. M. Thomson replaces J. S. Howell as lead, while J. D. Thomson goes to No. 3 to W. Macfarlane in place of C. F. Needham. There is an absentee this week. There are no changes in K. S. Robertson's rink from that selected against P.O.C.

There are also several changes in the Football Club Third Division team which lost to C.C.C. in the only League match played last Saturday.

In G. S. Graver's rink J. Hempsey takes the place of the promoted J. M. Thomson as No. 2. J. Russell, who was No. 2 to Mansell last week, will skip a rink comprising F. Anslow, J. Ralston and S. Strange. Last week, when Strange was skip, he had Anslow and Ralston playing Nos. 2 and 3 to him respectively. There is only one change in Mansell's rink this week, C. Carr coming in to take the place of Russell at No. 2.

H.K.C.C. Reshuffle

There is only one change in the H.K.C.C. team selected for last week. In A. W. Brown's rink P. J. A. Hamilton, selected as No. 3 last week, is an absentee this time, his place being taken by R. A. Edwards, selected as No. 2 last week, while P. S. Cassidy will be No. 2 instead of skip in the Third Division team.

There has been a great deal of reshuffling in this club's Third Division team. A. S. Mitchell, who had B. J. Lacon, L. E. N. Ryan and H. F. Shields as his front men, for their postponed fixture last week, will now lead a rink comprising P. Morrison, T. C. Monaghan and E. Hospes. A. McKellar comes into the team as skip in place of Cassidy, who has been promoted, and his front men will be D. J. Valentine, W. R. Lambert and H. A. Angus. Those chosen to play for Cassidy last week were H. H. Beddow, W. R. Lambert and P. A. Cox. The 100 per cent. E. S. Abraham will lead a four made up of H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan and E. S. Doughty. The third rink selected for last week was made up of D. J. Valentine, R. J. Shrigley, E. S. Doughty and A. Nassim.

One Police Change

Police R.C. have only made one change from the team that was selected for their game last Saturday. The rink led by J. Shepherd and W. Mair are intact, but in E. G. Post's rink C. E. Willerton is replaced by J. Forrest as No. 1.

In Third Division there are no

changes in the rinks skipped by J. C. Aiken and J. MacDonald. In A. E. Carey's four, however, L. C. Pennell comes in as lead in place of E. Greenwood.

K.B.G.C. "A" Intact

There are no changes in the Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" team, and in the "B" team two rinks are intact.

Guy's rink has three new players in Elphick and Bower, who have been promoted from Third Division and who will be seen as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively, and H. Spong, who will play as lead in place of F. Scard. A. Morton and E. Atkins are absentees this week.

In H. Nish's Third Division rink, J. A. Fraser returns to the rink as lead while last week's lead, C. Langley, will be seen as No. 2 to K. C. Hamilton. W. M. Wilson is C. Wallis' new lead, while J. S. Dinnen, erstwhile lead, has gone to No. 2 in place of Bower.

All the Kowloon Bowling Green Club matches on Saturday will start at 4 p.m.

C.C.C. Unchanged

Craigengower Cricket Club are making no changes from the senior team selected last Saturday, but there are some changes in their Second Division team from that chosen last week.

T. Lock's four remain unchanged, but W. K. Way, who had E. J. Todd, A. Kitchell and W. Ward chosen as his front men last week, will now skip a rink comprising J. H. Xavier, L. R. Lammert, and M. J. Medina. The last named is at No. 3 instead of skip, as selected last week, when he was to have led Xavier, Baptista and Lammert.

In place of Medina as skip, N. P. Karanjia, who played such a good game against Hong Kong Football Club in Third Division last week, comes in to take over the rink that was chosen to play for Way last week with the exception that A. Kitchell is an absentee at No. 2, his place being taken by M. A. Baptista, selected for that position in Medina's rink last week.

Following are some of the teams selected:

KOWLOON B.G.C.

First Division ("A" v Recreio "A", Away)

G. W. Deacon, E. Levett, W. L. Walker and A. M. Holland (skip).

L. Sykes, H. Lockhart, H. White and A. J. Hall (skip).

R. P. Phillips, A. Hyde-Lay, H. E. Drew and J. MacKevie (skip).

First Division ("B" v P.R.C., Away)

W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, W. McNeill and R. Duncan (skip).

P. A. Peckham, H. Bicknell, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (skip).

H. Spong, G. W. Elphick, A. Bower and L. Guy (skip).

Third Division (v H.K.F.C., Home)

J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (skip).

W. M. Wilson, J. S. Dinnen, G. E. F. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip).

S. C. Walker, C. E. Langley, L. A. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (skip).

KOWLOON C.C.

First Division (v I.R.C., Away)

A. E. Perry, L. Jack, A. W. Smith and E. C. Fincher (skip).

A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, W. Mulcahy and T. Madar (skip).

N. D. Lloyd, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor and N. J. Babbington (skip).

Second Division (v H.K.C.C., Away)

R. S. Capell, H. Overy, F. A. Fabel and T. W. Carr (skip).

A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (skip).

S. A. Gray, R. Leigh, E. Curtis and R. S. Meadows (skip).

CRAIGENGOWER

First Division (v Civil Service At C.C.C. At 4.00 p.m.)

J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (skip).

A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Baan and U. M. Omar (skip).

Y. A. Razaek, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rossetti (skip).

Second Division (v Kowloon Tong At Kowloon At 4.00 p.m.)

A. A. Razaek, S. R. Solina, E. Zimmern and T. Lock (skip).

J. H. Xavier, L. E. Lammert, M. J. Medina and W. K. Way (skip).

E. J. Todd, M. A. Baptista, W. Ward and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (skip).

HOLDERS ENTER 2ND ROUND

In expectation of some good lawn bowls, a fair sprinkling of spectators turned up at Kowloon Football Club yesterday when H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, winners of the Open Pairs Bowls title for the last two years, were opposed to F. N. Wong and A. Hyde-Lay in the First Round of this year's competition.

And well it was worth their trouble too, for although the holders won by the comfortable margin of 20-12, there was never a dull moment throughout the 21 heads—not even at the last when Hyde-Lay and his partner needed a "possible" to win.

Dick Alves was his usual steady self but there were times when the less-experienced Wong more than held his own against "Dick".

The tussle between the two skips was always interesting, each excelling in turn though it must be said that "Chico" Ribeiro had a slight edge on Hyde-Lay. It was at the 3rd end that the latter had the misfortune to remove one of his own shots when lying, and gave the count to the holders. As it was it did not make much difference to the scores, but it might have meant everything had the count been more even towards the later stages of the match.

Welcome Four

Scores came in singles and twos till the 13th when the holders chalked up a very welcome four, for at that stage they were only leading 8-7. After adding another single they conceded two singles in a row to lead 13-9 but 3 and 2 gave them a fairly safe margin. After giving away another single they scored two more singletons at the 20th and 21st respectively to win 20-12.

And now for the very interesting final end. Wong bowled like a machine to cluster three of his four woods round the jack but he was soon robbed of the advantage when "Chico" drove and took the jack into the ditch. Hyde-Lay got to within a yard of the ditch and Ribeiro was a trifle short with his next and saw Hyde-Lay add another. Then Ribeiro came heavy and knocked up one of his front woods to score the shot and bring the game to an end.

Ex-Champions Win

At Kowloon Docks, C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares, 1938 champions, entered the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship when they beat H. White and A. J. Hall by 19 shots to 12.

The winners started with a single and registered a three at the third but a three at the fifth enabled the losers to take the lead at 5-4. The Portuguese pair then scored 1 2 1 2 1 before conceding two singles and then went on to register 1 1 1 2 2 to lead 19-7 at the 18th.

The losers finished up with two twos and a single.

White and Hall scored at only eight ends.

Strong Finish

A strong finish enabled H. Spong and E. Levett to beat E. A. Atkins and J. G. Meyer at Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 20-12 in the First Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs championship.

Scoring at the first three ends Spong and Levett were leading by six shots before their opponents opened their scoring, and at the 9th were leading by 9-3.

Atkins and Meyer then scored 3 1 2 1 0 1 to take the lead for the first time at 11-10 at the 15th.

Spong and Levett then scored 1 0 3 4 1 1 to win by 20-12.

BASKETBALL SUCCESS FOR PUI CHING

Two matches in the Inter-School Basketball League were played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday when Pui Ching beat Ming Sang by 50 points to 33 and Wah Nam defeated Ying Wah 53-38.

Leading 34-17 at the end of the first half, Pui Ching went further ahead and dominated play in the later stages when they allowed their opponents to score eight goals (10 points).

Outstanding players for Pui Ching were Ng Yuen-tuk and Yu Kwok-pun, who scored 14 and 13 points respectively, while Lau Tim-yuk distinguished himself in the attack for Ming Sang, scoring 18 of his side's 33 points.

In the second match, Wah Nam basketballers showed better combination and defeated Ying Wah by 53 to 38, after leading at the interval by 26-12.

Wong Pui-wan, winger, who netted 10 points for the winners, was the most impressive player on the field.

Cyclone Sports Club beat Royal Scots by five clear goals in a friendly hockey match (on roller skates) at Ciro Skating Rink yesterday. A. K. Markar (2), J. Walla (2) and J. Kilchell scored.

EASIER

TURN LEFT SHOULDER AROUND By Best Ball

In order to gain a relaxed stroke the various muscles must co-ordinate properly in their movements. Freedom of action is curtailed for instance if the left shoulder fails to turn aside—out of the path of the stroke. When the right side finds it necessary to press the left shoulder out of the way, the shot is not only going to lack smoothness but it is also likely to lack accuracy and distance. True the golfer is not always able to recognise whether his left shoulder has turned aside or not. So the next time one feels that he is failing to put punch into the shot; that he is failing to contact the ball with the centre of the club-face, let him look to the left shoulder. Further symptom of trouble here is a lifting stroke which gives the ball a hooking tendency.

The solution lies in turning the left shoulder back quickly to its address position on the down-swing. In fact the



left shoulder turn from the top of the swing may be identified in many instances as the actual start of the downstroke. Avoid sway, simply turn the shoulder around quickly.

NEXT ARTICLE—
Gripping The Club.

GOLF V.R.C. BASKETBALL TEAMS IN ACTION ON SATURDAY

The newly formed basketball section of Victoria Recreation Club are playing two games on Saturday at Blake gardens.

The first game, at 4 p.m., is between V.R.C. ladies and girls of Nanyang Commercial Academy, after which the V.R.C. men's team will meet the Black Cats, a team from Lee Gymnasium.

Following are the teams:—

LADIES

V.R.C. (to be chosen from the following):—Miss Celeste Marques, Miss Teresa Marques, Miss Thelma Marques, Miss Lilla Xavier, Miss Vivian Rull, Miss Margie Xavier, Miss Carmou Ozorio, Miss Alexandrina Mendonca and Miss Celeste Gutierrez.

Nanyang Academy Girls (to be chosen from the following):—Miss Cheung Chin-fai, Miss Piu Kwok-hing, Miss

Pau Chi-man, Miss Gah Shook-ki, Miss Wong Pul-chun, Miss Ng Shui-kee, Miss Ng Shook-yee, Miss Kwok Siu-ping, Miss Au Shun-chun and Miss Kung Chin-lan.

MEN'S

V.R.C. (from the following):—A. Azedo, R. Maxwell, E. Rozario, L. Rozario, P. Rull, A. Yvanovich, A. Alves, J. Remedios, B. Wilkinson, A. J. Hussain and J. Xavier.

Black Cats:—M. Shi, Lee Pul-wing, Leung Kwok-ying, Chan Shu-shung, Wan Leung, Cheung Sin-tseung, Chu Yan-tseung, Chu Yantseung, Cheng Tai-hong and Chau Pok-kau.

Bill Woo and Chang Yuk-kwan of South China are coaching the V.R.C.

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Moscow Story Of Battle For River Pruth Bridge

Soviet Air Arm Leads Thrilling Clash

HOW SOVIET CAVALRY DROVE BACK GERMAN AND RUMANIAN TROOPS WHICH CROSSED THE RIVER PRUTH INTO BES-SARABIA FROM FALCIU — MIDWAY BETWEEN JASSY AND GALATZ—IS DESCRIBED IN A DESPATCH FROM TINASPOL FROM THE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF "IZVESTIA," OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

The correspondent says: "Our frontier guards made heroic efforts to prevent the crossing of the river but could not withstand the pressure of the enemy, who had enormous material superiority.

"Having concentrated a powerful force of infantry and tanks on the Soviet bank, the enemy began the offensive. It was necessary to deal him a terrific blow immediately.

"Bombers and fighters hurled themselves as he crossed the frontier, raining down bombs. Numbers of enemy tanks were immediately destroyed and their infantry suffered heavy losses.

"Disorder broke out in the enemy ranks during this raid.

Bridge Cleared

"Taking advantage of this, Soviet cavalry charged the enemy lines, using their sabres and chasing the enemy back towards the bridge.

"The avalanche of cavalry destroyed all in its path and cleared the bridge of the enemy." — Reuter.

NEW FACTORY FOR BOMBERS

The Defence Plant Corporation in Washington announced yesterday it would build a \$47,000,000 bomber factory at Ypsilanti, Michigan, to be leased and operated by the Ford Motor Co.

It is understood the factory is to be an important part of the U.S. Army's plan to provide facilities for turning out 500 bombers a month. — Reuter.

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ARMS FOR SOVIET VIA VLADIVOSTOK

It was officially announced in Washington yesterday that United States ships will be permitted to carry arms to Vladivostok in view of the fact that President Roosevelt does not intend to issue a neutrality proclamation concerning the Russo-German war. — Reuter.

RUMANIA COMMAND CLAIMS

The following communique was issued yesterday by the General Command on the German-Rumanian front, according to a Bucharest despatch to the official Italian news agency:—

"Operations during the first three days have proceeded according to plans established in advance. Some attempts by the enemy to counter-advance were repulsed.

"The enemy aviation on Tuesday made an intensive bombardment of Constanza, Sulina and Galatz, and dropped several bombs on Tulcea, Braila and Jassy but without causing any damage of importance.

"Our aircraft bombed important military objectives, obtaining everywhere remarkable results.

"German and Rumanian aviation have demonstrated in the past three days their crushing superiority over the enemy aviation destroying 400 enemy machines.

"Out of this total, 30 Soviet planes were destroyed by the Rumanian air force and anti-aircraft guns and 40 machines were destroyed on the ground by the Rumanian air force, which lost a total of 12 machines." — Reuter.

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BRITAIN'S SAVINGS

The National Savings Committee announce that subscriptions for the week ended Tuesday, June 24, amounted to £33,277,105. — British Wireless.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. William Knudsen, declaring the Russo-German war increases rather than lessens America's ultimate war danger, has ordered a sweeping reorganisation of the nation's defence agencies to slash red tape and speed armament production beyond the pace yet attained.

Warning against "sitting down and taking it easy" because the dictatorships finally are pitted against one another, Mr. Knudsen declared: "These developments abroad will not make our condition any safer but rather more risky."

"If Hitler overruns Russia, which God forbid, we can never know where he will strike next."

MR. KNUDSEN, IN AN UNHERALDED MOVE, REORGANISED THE ENTIRE OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT ON A "STREAMLINED

Optimistic
Hitler Forecast

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE COMPLETE ANNIHILATION OF ENTIRE GERMAN MECHANISED REGIMENTS AND AIR RAIDS CAUSING FIRES AND TREMENDOUS DESTRUCTION IN NAZI-OCCUPIED CITIES, IS CLAIMED IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN MOSCOW.

The communique says that the Russian aviation, "cooperating with the field armies, has dealt a crushing blow at enemy aerodromes and military targets, shooting down 34 Nazi planes."

"In reply to the raids on Sebastopol, Russian planes bombed and left ablaze the Rumanian town of Constanza. No less than 220 aircraft have been destroyed on enemy aerodromes."

This figure brings the total German planes claimed destroyed to 381, against 374 Soviet.

MEANWHILE HITLER'S HEADQUARTERS HAS ISSUED A BRIEF, POTENT FORECAST. THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS: "THE GERMAN NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE ARE PROGRESSING SO ADVANTAGEOUSLY THAT GREAT SUCCESSSES ARE EXPECTED."

This is the first time such an optimistic forecast has been issued by the Nazis, and German mil-

tary circles try to convey the impression that the Nazi offensive has been so spectacular that the Russian military machine is already cracking.

Silent On Detail

The German High Command claims a 30-mile advance daily but details are blanked in silence, though it is indicated that the main bodies of the rival armies will soon clash.

"Too Fantastic"

Berlin claims that Moscow reports of Russian victories are "too fantastic to be taken seriously."

The German High Command, however, admits Russian raids on Mermel and Koenigsberg. They also claim that the Luftwaffe has "annihilated" 81 Russian tanks.—International News Service.

FINLAND
DECLARES
WAR ON SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Finland has declared war against the Soviet, the news being received in Berlin with elation.

The Finns, says Berlin, "will once again fight courageously and successfully against the Soviets."

—International News Service.

FOR ACTION BASIS.

Thirty new commodity sections will deal directly with every phase of war industry. In effect it is a reversion to World War methods of industrial co-ordination. — International News Service.

UNLEASHING
OF TREMENDOUS
R.A.F. OFFENSIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE UNPARALLELED FURY of the new R.A.F. attacks is an effort to carry out a flanking movement to aid Russia, by forcing Germany to withdraw a major part of the Luftwaffe from the eastern front.

The daily British sweeps over northern France are increasing in ferocity.

MILITARY SOURCES IN LONDON THINK HITLER WILL TRY TO BREAK RUSSIA IN TWO MONTHS AND THEN INVADE BRITAIN IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

London quarters forecast a great R.A.F. offensive with the aid of increased aircraft production and the stream of American planes to strike at Germany with more devastating force than has yet been unleashed.

Speed-Up Efforts

SPEEDING UP OF AMERICAN AID TO BRITAIN, ESPECIALLY IN AIRCRAFT, IS FORECAST IN WASHINGTON AS A RESULT OF THE RUSSO-GERMAN WAR.

Diplomatic circles indicate the R.A.F. is planning the greatest assaults of the war against Germany in the hope of crippling German war industries before the Luftwaffe has any chance to finish off the Russians and turn its full attention to Britain.

The possibility of a limited number of U.S. army and navy pilots being released for active duty in order to speed up the ferrying of bombers to Britain, is mentioned. — International News Service.

"A Strong Force"

Recent Air Ministry communications describing heavy raids which the R.A.F. have been mak-

Income
Tax: New
Study

An announcement was made in Legislative Council this afternoon by H.E. the Governor that a new war taxation committee, of very similar composition of the last, is to be appointed in the near future.

It will consider the advisability of replacing in 1942-43 the War Revenue Taxes by an Income Tax, supplemented possibly by an Excess Profits Tax, or alternatively, of developing the rate scales of the War Revenue Ordinance so as to tax higher profits and salaries according to full ability to pay.

(Continued on Page 18)

ing on each of the past thirteen nights on the industrial heart of Germany have frequently stated that raids have been carried out by "a strong force."

Authoritative quarters state that such a force would comprise anything from 250 to 400 bombers. — British Wireless.

STALIN TO
TAKE SUPREME
COMMAND?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Daily Telegraph" quotes the Vichy radio as saying Stalin plans to take personal and supreme command of the Soviet armies from Marshal Timoshenko. — International News Service.

Helsinki
Claim

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") EIGHT RUSSIAN PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN OUT OF 15 WHICH RAIDED HELSINKI, THE FINNS CLAIM.

It is also claimed that Nazi dive-bombers raided Russian bases in Estonia, "causing gigantic fires." — International News Service.

Secret Session

The Finnish Parliament met in secret session at 7 o'clock last night, states a Helsinki despatch to Berlin.

After an hour the session was adjourned. It was resumed at 9.30 p.m. and was still in progress two hours later. — Reuter.

It was subsequently announced that Finland had declared war on the Soviet.



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MERDJ AYOUM FALLS TO AUSSIES AT DAWN

Keypoint Of Syria Resistance Captured

THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM REPORTS THAT AUSTRALIAN TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED MERDJ AYOUM, IN SYRIA.

The Australians engaged in hand-to-hand fighting but when they finally occupied Merdj Ayoun at dawn yesterday they found the stronghold deserted and only a few snipers left.

R.A.F. KEEPS UP ATTACKS

Soon after midday yesterday Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, with a strong escort of fighters, attacked railway goods yards at Hazebrouck, states an Air Ministry communique.

BOMBS WERE SEEN TO BURST IN THE YARDS WHICH WERE CROWDED WITH TRAFFIC. DIRECT HITS WERE ALSO SCORED ON TWO RAILWAY BRIDGES, ONE OF WHICH COLLAPSED.

Reports so far received show that British fighters destroyed seven enemy planes. British losses in this operation were two fighters missing, concludes the communique.

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON LATER THAT AN AMMUNITION TRAIN BLEW UP IN THE HAZEBROUCK YARDS

Second Sweep

The R.A.F. made a second sweep over Northern France late yesterday afternoon.

As on the first occasion a strong force of bombers was protected by fighter squadrons and shortly after they had passed over the coast, watchers on the Kent cliffs heard violent explosions from several points along the French coast.

No official details are yet available regarding the operation.

Airfield Attacked

The German airfield at Longuenesse, near St. Omer, was bombed and hangars and buildings hit by the second of the R.A.F.'s double sweeps over Northern France yesterday.—Reuter.

The Vichy forces are reported to have fled northward during the night.

The report is confirmed in an official announcement in Cairo, which says British and Australian troops occupied Merdj Ayoun and Irbales Saki in their advance northwards.

In the right sector in Syria, all is quiet in Damascus. In the coastal sector, by bombarding Vichy positions in the Damour area, the Royal Navy is actively supporting the advance of Australian troops.—Reuter.

Nazis Bomb Damascus

OVER 30 WERE KILLED AND MANY INJURED WHEN GERMAN PLANES BOMBED DAMASCUS YESTERDAY MORNING, SAYS REUTER FROM JERUSALEM.

Vichy Generals Superseded

Four Vichy generals in Syria have been superseded by orders of the Vichy Government, states the Istanbul correspondent of the independent French news agency.

The exodus from Syria continues, adds the correspondent, and some 150 Germans and Italians arrived in Istanbul from Syria on Tuesday.—Reuter.

Eagle Squadron Recruits

Further parties of young American pilots have just arrived in Britain to form sister squadrons of the original Eagle Squadron.

Since the first Eagle Fighter Squadron of the R.A.F. was formed last autumn numbers of young Americans have volunteered to fly and fight with the R.A.F.

Among the last batch to arrive were U.S. citizens from Ohio, California, Maryland, Texas and Colorado and one from Canada.

Before crossing the Atlantic they undergo their initial flying training and pass flying tests as pilots.—British Wireless.

AMERICANS ADVISED TO LEAVE SOVIET

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The State Department in Washington announces that all American citizens in Russia, except Government representatives and newsmen, are advised to leave as soon as possible.—International News Service.

R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST RAIDS

An R.A.F. Middle East communique states: "Syria—aircraft of the R.A.F. and R.A.A.F. carried out a number of offensive operations in Syria on Tuesday.

The railway and aerodrome at Rayak were successfully attacked and bombs were seen bursting on buildings and railway sidings.

The citadel at Soueida was again bombed and several direct hits made.

Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed enemy destroyers in harbour at Beirut. Bursts were observed on a jetty near the warships.

North Africa—fighter aircraft provided protective patrols over our ships while aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed the railway and quay at Tripoli starting a number of fires.

One of our aircraft is missing from these operations.—British Wireless.

SOVIET RELATIONS WITH FINLAND

THE RUSSIAN MINISTER AND HIS STAFF ARE STILL AT HELSINKI BUT THE MINISTER'S FAMILY LEFT ON TUESDAY, ACCORDING TO A REPORT RECEIVED IN STOCKHOLM.

The Polish Minister and Military attaché have received their passports and are expected to go to Stockholm.—Reuter.

St. Stephen's College will hold its annual speech day on Saturday, July 12, at 4.15 p.m. when H.E. the Governor will distribute the prizes.



Master Freddie Harrison, aged six, was last month presented with a cheque for £4,150, by Alderman A. A. Neat, Mayor of Hendon, at the Hendon Town Hall. The money, together with a letter of congratulations was sent by the Vimy Post of the Toledo Canadian Legion, Toledo, Ohio. Freddie rescued his three-year-old sister Winifred from beneath the debris of their home, damaged in a recent air raid. Attention had been drawn to this act of youthful heroism through widespread publication of the children's photograph in American newspapers. Photo shows Freddie with his sister Winifred taken after the presentation, with their father. (Copyright, Fox).

NO "NEUTRALITY" PROCLAMATION AFFECTING SOVIET

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT does not intend to issue a "neutrality" proclamation on the Russo-German war, according to an announcement by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, in Washington yesterday. United States ships will thus be permitted to carry arms to Vladivostok. The United States is taking up the same position as she has maintained during the undeclared Sino-Japanese war.

Mr. Welles pointed out that under the Neutrality Act, a neutrality proclamation is required when the President or Congress "shall find that there exists a state of war between foreign States and that it is necessary to promote or preserve the peace of the United States or protect the lives of citizens of the United States."

Mr. Welles added that the President had authorized him to announce that inasmuch as he finds a proclamation is unnecessary in the present instance to promote the peace of the United States or protect American citizens, he has no intention of issuing a proclamation.

Asked what effect this would have on the transport of arms to Russia in American ships, Mr. Welles explained that the combat zones already established by the President do not include the Pacific region.

Vladivostok Open—Vladivostok will thus remain open to American ships carrying

arms or any other supplies. Under the Neutrality Act, American ships are forbidden to carry arms to "belligerent" ports or defined combat areas.

Mr. Welles added the United States had still not received an official communication from the Russian Government since the American declaration on Monday favouring Russia against Germany and the President's announcement that all American aid possible would be given to Russia.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN HAS A BUSY DAY

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in addition to his interview yesterday with the Spanish Ambassador, the Duke of Alba, also saw the Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. van Kleeff, and the United States Ambassador, Mr. John G. Winant.—Reuter.

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SOVIET 'PLANES BLAST TRAIL

Fierce Fighting Raging On The Entire Battlefront

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THE SOVIET SUPREME COMMAND CLAIMS THAT GERMAN TANKS AND INFANTRY, BATTERING HEAVILY AGAINST THE WHOLE RUSSIAN FRONT, WERE REPEATEDLY THROWN BACK.

Ripping over the grey hordes of German troops, sprawled abreast the long gateway to Russia, Red planes blasted a trail of fire from Warsaw to East Poland and knocked vast numbers of German aircraft out of the sky.

Along the north pinnacle of the line, fierce fighting is raging. Great tanks are locked in combat and "heavy losses were sustained by our enemy," says Moscow.

In the Gulf of Finland a German submarine was sunk by units of the Red Fleet.

In reply to the twice repeated raids on Sebastopol, Soviet bombers thrice bombed Constanza and Sulina.

In addition to aircraft brought down on Monday no less than 220 Nazi machines were destroyed on enemy aerodromes.

Moscow radio claims the destruction of 304 German planes and said Red air raiders left Constanza "in a mass of flames."

Sea Invasion Being Prepared?

THE CAIRO CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAILY MAIL" REPORTS THAT THE GERMANS ARE CONCENTRATING SHIPS AT CONSTANZA AND OTHER BLACK SEA PORTS, POSSIBLY IN PREPARATION FOR AN INVASION OF THE CAUCASUS BY SEA. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Air Offensive

The predominance of aerial warfare at this stage of the German campaign against Russia emerges from yesterday's semi-official German reports of the fighting, which mention air attack on the Russian communications and air support for the ground forces.

The official German agency claims that bombers and fighters of one air squadron on the eastern front destroyed 180 Russian tanks.

The same agency, in a review of the third day's operations on the eastern front, reports heavy attacks directed by German bombers against Russian railway tracks and rolling stock.

At one point, it is claimed, six trains loaded with troops or vehicles were attacked, and the destruction of 17 locomotives by the air force is claimed.

German Claims

Referring to cooperation with the ground forces, the agency adds: "Air force operation on the eastern front intervened in the ground battles in great force and smoothed a way for the land troops by breaking enemy resistance."

Bombers attacked enemy tanks wherever they showed themselves.

"Troop concentrations on the whole front were bombed and machine-gunned with great success and supply columns exterminated, blocking many roads with wreckage."

The same report speaks of reconnaissance by aircraft which "also dealt powerful blows to communications in the rear of the enemy."

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FOOCHOW SUBURB FIGHTING

Japanese outposts in the suburbs of Foochow have been subjected to harassing attacks by Chinese mobile units during the past few days.

A Japanese munitions depot inside Foochow city was set on fire by plain-clothes troops and blown up.

Skirmishing goes on frequently in the immediate outskirts of the city. — Central News.

WHICH LEG ARE YOU PULLING?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Annoyed by constant questions as to when he will close the gambling establishments in the "badlands" according to the promises he had made when he took over duties, Commissioner C. C. Pan of the Western Area Special Police lost his temper and declared "From now on I will keep my mouth shut." — International News Service.

Leningrad Blaze

CLOUDS OF SMOKE CAN BE SEEN IN THE DIRECTION OF LENINGRAD AND THE TOWN IS SAID TO BE ABLAZE, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM HELSINKI QUOTED BY ROME RADIO. — REUTER.

TURKEY AND RUSSIA

Moscow radio announces that the Turkish Ambassador to Moscow has stated the Turkish Government wishes to reaffirm its neutrality in view of the change in the international situation due to the outbreak of hostilities between Germany and the U.S.S.R. — Reuter.

CUP WINNERS TO MEET

The winners of the Scottish and English football War Cups, Glasgow Rangers and Preston North End, respectively, are to meet at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, on a date yet to be arranged in aid of charity. — Reuter.

ACRE AND HAIFA BOMBED

THE CRUSADER FORTRESS TOWN OF ACRE—WHERE SIDNEY SMITH SUCCESSFULLY WITHSTOOD NAPOLEON'S SIEGE—EXPERIENCED THE FIRST AIR RAID IN ITS HISTORY WHEN HOSTILE AIRCRAFT YESTERDAY MORNING DROPPED BOMBS CAUSING SOME DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AND INJURING A CIVILIAN.

It is authoritatively stated that hostile planes also approached Haifa where the ground defences went into action and some bombs were dropped, doing little damage and causing no casualties. — Reuter.

NO CHANGE

Yesterday's G.H.Q. communique in Cairo declared that in Libya and Abyssinia there is no change. — Reuter.

DEMONSTRATION IN MADRID "EXPLAINED"

AN EXTRAORDINARY "explanation" of the organised demonstration against the British Embassy in Madrid was published yesterday by the newspaper "Arriba," organ of the Spanish Falange (Fascist Party).

Commenting on the German-organised riots outside the Embassy, the "Arriba" stressed that the manifestations were directed "exclusively against Russia."

The paper then admits that "some of its remnants, not subjected to discipline, branched from this intention and went to extremes."

This, the Falange organ continued, "only means that feeling against our oldest enemy is fresh and aroused."

The "Arriba" says the explanation of the feeling against "the old enemy, Britain," "would be found in simple meditation on the progress of our Empire strangled to the point of slavery."

The article ends with a severe order to Falange comrades that nothing must be left to "spontaneous joy" and Falangists must follow commands with strict discipline. — Reuter.

Gunfire In Baltic

Gunfire is reported to have been heard from various places in the outer Stockholm Archipelago yesterday.

Firing was also heard on Tuesday off the west coast. — Reuter.

GERMAN LINER REPORTED SUNK

American maritime sources reported yesterday that a plane of the British Fleet Air Arm attacked and probably sank the German liner Elbe (8,000 tons) in the Atlantic, says Reuter from New York.

OTTO ABETZ IN BERLIN

OTTO ABETZ, GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, HAS ARRIVED IN BERLIN, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE ZURICH NEWSPAPER "DIE TAT."

Aim of his visit, it is reported, is to inform the German Government, in accordance with Vichy wishes, of the "exceptional deterioration" in the situation of the Vichy forces in Syria following the fall of Damascus. — Reuter.

HUGE U.S. CARGOES REACHING SUEZ

Huge cargoes sent under the United States Lease and Lend programme are reaching Suez, says the Washington correspondent of the New York "World-Telegram." — Reuter.

SWEDEN PERMITS PASSAGE OF TROOPS

The Swedish Riksdag met in secret session yesterday.

No announcement has been made so far regarding Tuesday's Cabinet meeting presided over by King Gustav.

A meeting of the foreign affairs committee of the Cabinet was also held on Tuesday, under the Crown Prince.

Monday and Tuesday were public holidays but beyond a reiteration of Sweden's desire to continue to avoid being dragged into the "great powers' war" it is unlikely that much indication of Sweden's attitude will be available.

From Norway

It was officially announced in Stockholm later that Sweden has granted a German request to send a certain number of German troops from Norway to Finland via Sweden, says a Stockholm despatch to the official German news agency.

The troops will be limited to one division, the despatch added.

"New Position"

Following the special session an official communique was announcing Swedish agreement to allow German troops to pass from Norway to Finland via Sweden.

The communique, according to a Stockholm despatch to the official German news agency, states: "In the situation occasioned by the outbreak of war between Germany and the Soviet, Sweden will unswervingly pursue her efforts to safeguard her autonomy and independence and remain outside the conflict."

"By the new position, however, we are faced with certain exceptional questions. Thus, it has been suggested by both Finland and Germany that Sweden should permit the transport by Swedish railway of one corps of troops limited to one division from Norway to Finland."

"The Government, with the consent of the Riksdag and in consideration of the formality necessary for the protection of Swedish sovereignty, has agreed to this proposal." — Reuter.

DUTCH BUTCHERS ARRESTED

Five Dutch butchers have been sent to a German concentration camp for the illegal slaughter of meat, according to Dutch circles in London yesterday. This sentence was described as a warning. — Reuter.

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INVINCIBILITY OF GERMAN ARMY DISMISSED AS MYTH

"THE INVINCIBILITY of the German army is a myth," declares Lt. Gen. Michael Khozin, head of the Frunze Academy, the Aldershot of the Soviet Union, in the Communist Party organ "Pravda."

Lt. Gen. Khozin says the Nazi troops bluster about this myth but their victories in 1939 and 1940 were mainly won by treachery in the rear of their smaller enemies who were always numerically inferior.

The writer cites German foreknowledge of the Polish mobilisation plans, the fact that the Norwegian troops were on manoeuvres with blank ammunition, some distance from the German landings, and the signals given from the ground aiding German parachutists who had such an effect on the Dutch campaign.

He mentions the Yugoslav Premier, General Simovitch, had to remove many high officers in the few days at his disposal prior to the German assault on his country.

He also refers to the contacts between leading Frenchmen and the Germans and declares the Maginot Line fell chiefly because the flank was turned.

Critical Moment

Finally, he points out, the Poles managed to wipe out whole Nazi tank divisions and says that if the Greeks from the Metaxas Line had been able to launch a counter-attack at one moment the result in the Balkans war would possibly have been different.

He adds that wherever the Germans met with serious opposition they won by weight of material but they are now up against a large foe armed with a mass of material who will defeat the "Fascist bird of prey." — Reuter.

HITLER LOSES SUPPLIES

IMMEDIATE RESULT OF THE RUSSO-GERMAN CONFLICT IS TO STOP THE FLOW OF OIL SEEDS OVER THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY TO GERMANY, WHICH IS LIKELY TO CAUSE A REACTION IN THE GERMAN MARGARINE AND SOAP RATION, SAYS THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE.

Oil seeds, which hitherto have constituted the bulk of the total volume of goods carried by this route, are important not only for the vegetable oil contents (they form the basis of margarine and soap) but the residue is used in iron oil cake which is valuable fodder for cattle. — Reuter.

GEN. BLAMEY IS MAN AND A HALF

"A MAN AND A HALF" WHOSE VIEW IS "WE CANNOT EXPECT TO WIN THIS WAR UNLESS WE CARRY THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY," IS DEPUTY-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FOR THE WHOLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

He is Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Blamey, commanding the Australian forces in the Middle East, and he is deputy to General Sir Archibald Wavell, head of our armies in the Middle East.

General Blamey, 57, is thick-set, of middle height, and sparing of words.

Soviet War Output

Moscow radio yesterday stressed the importance

of the part played in the present struggle by Soviet scientists who, under the direction of Stalin, have made vast strides in technical and industrial development.

During the present year, the announcer said, they had achieved surprising results which would have a decisive effect on the outcome of the war.

Output from factories had exceeded all results anticipated or hoped for.

In 1914, only small arms ammunition and light field artillery shells could be produced in Russia, the U.S.S.R. can now produce all types of ammunition and shells for the largest type guns in sufficient quantities to win the war. — Reuter.

AMERICAN LABOUR SITUATION

The United States labour position is generally "very encouraging," according to Mr. Sidney Hillman, head of the Labour Division of the Office of Production Management.

Testifying to the House of Representatives appropriations subcommittee yesterday, Mr. Hillman said: "We can look forward to less and less interruptions in work."

Mr. Hillman said he was convinced "we are getting more and more support all the way through."

Nearly three million more persons had resumed work during the past year and there were fewer shortages of men for key positions in defence work than a year ago.

Mr. Hillman said his office were trying hard to reduce defence strikes by weeding out subversive elements in labour unions.

Black List?

Mr. Donald Nelson, purchasing director of the Office of Production Management, said in his testimony that "communities" noted for strikes and other labour disturbances might find themselves unable to get new defence orders and "plant locations."

The O.P.M., he added, very definitely took into consideration labour difficulties and interferences in placing orders and establishing new manufacturing facilities. — Reuter.

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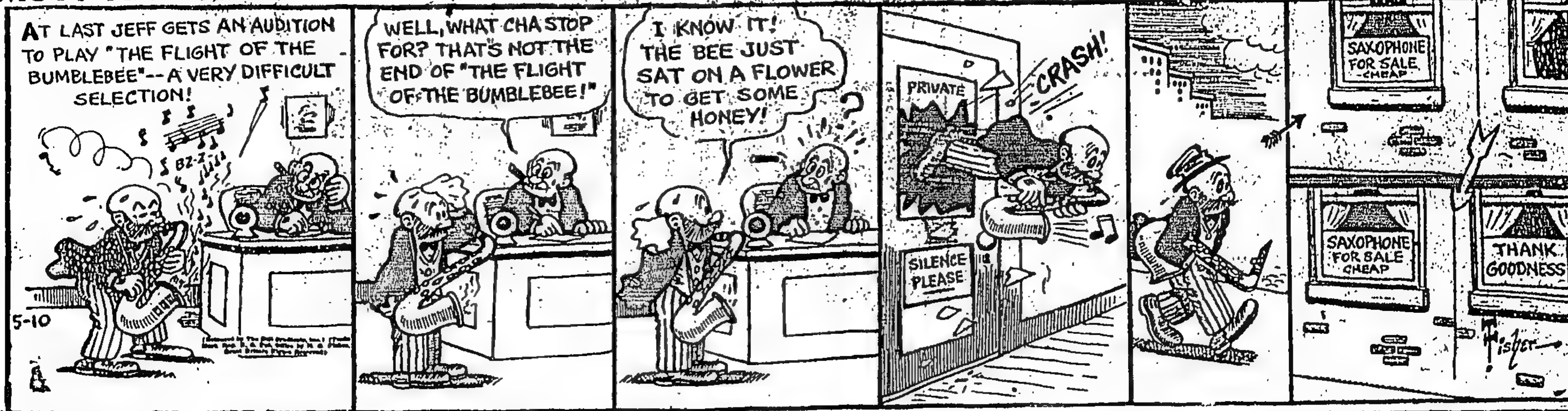
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BRITAIN TO STOP FISH PROFITEERING

A determined drive to prevent profiteering in fish was announced by the Food Minister, Lord Woolton, in the House of Lords yesterday.

Britain gets no more than 25 per cent. of fish supplies since the Admiralty has requisitioned 75 per cent. of the country's fish trawlers for minesweeping.

Fish prices to the housewife have risen disproportionately.

An order will shortly be issued controlling the price at the quay in ships and at all intermediate stages, so it will no longer be profitable to speculate in fish.

Average price will be 9/10d per stone compared with last month's ruling price of 13/6d.

Measures will also be taken to ensure fair distribution in all parts of the country.—Reuter.

The annual speech day and prize giving of the Diocesan Boys School has been arranged for Friday, July 4, at 5.30 p.m. when Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor will be present. Tea will be served from 4. p.m.

DR. SARAJOGLU EXPLAINS NEW PACT

THE TURCO-GERMAN pact of friendship was unanimously approved by the Turkish Grand National Assembly in Ankara yesterday, stated Ankara radio. The German Ambassador, von Papen, was present at the session.

Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, in a statement on the pact, said: "This treaty, which regulates relations between the two countries concerned and shows these relations will develop in a friendly manner in the future, is characterised by a definite stipulation that existing pledges of the contracting parties remain inviolate.

"This stipulation, insofar as we are concerned, means that Turkey's existing pledges, with the Turco-British Alliance foremost, remain intact.

"In the light of this I consider it my duty to thank the German

statesmen who have afforded us the means of working fervently for the establishment of Turco-German friendship by accepting the reservation that we keep our word already pledged to our friends.

"This constituted the main condition in the conduct of these negotiations."

Correct And Open

Dr. Sarajoglu gave details of how the pact had been brought about, emphasising that during the negotiations both parties acted correctly and openly.

He added "Moreover, we on our part kept our British friends informed of important phases in the development of our negotiations with the Germans, and in most instances carried on consultations with our British friends."

After stating that Turkey had followed fair play, Dr. Sarajoglu concluded: "It can again be stated that beside the Turkish army—heroic guardian of our peace—and along the same front, belligerent nations as well as neutrals, and finally world public opinion, have taken their stand to safeguard Turkish peace.

"We will not fail in our effort to prove to the world by the future development of our activities that Turkey deserves to remain in this honourable position."—Reuter.

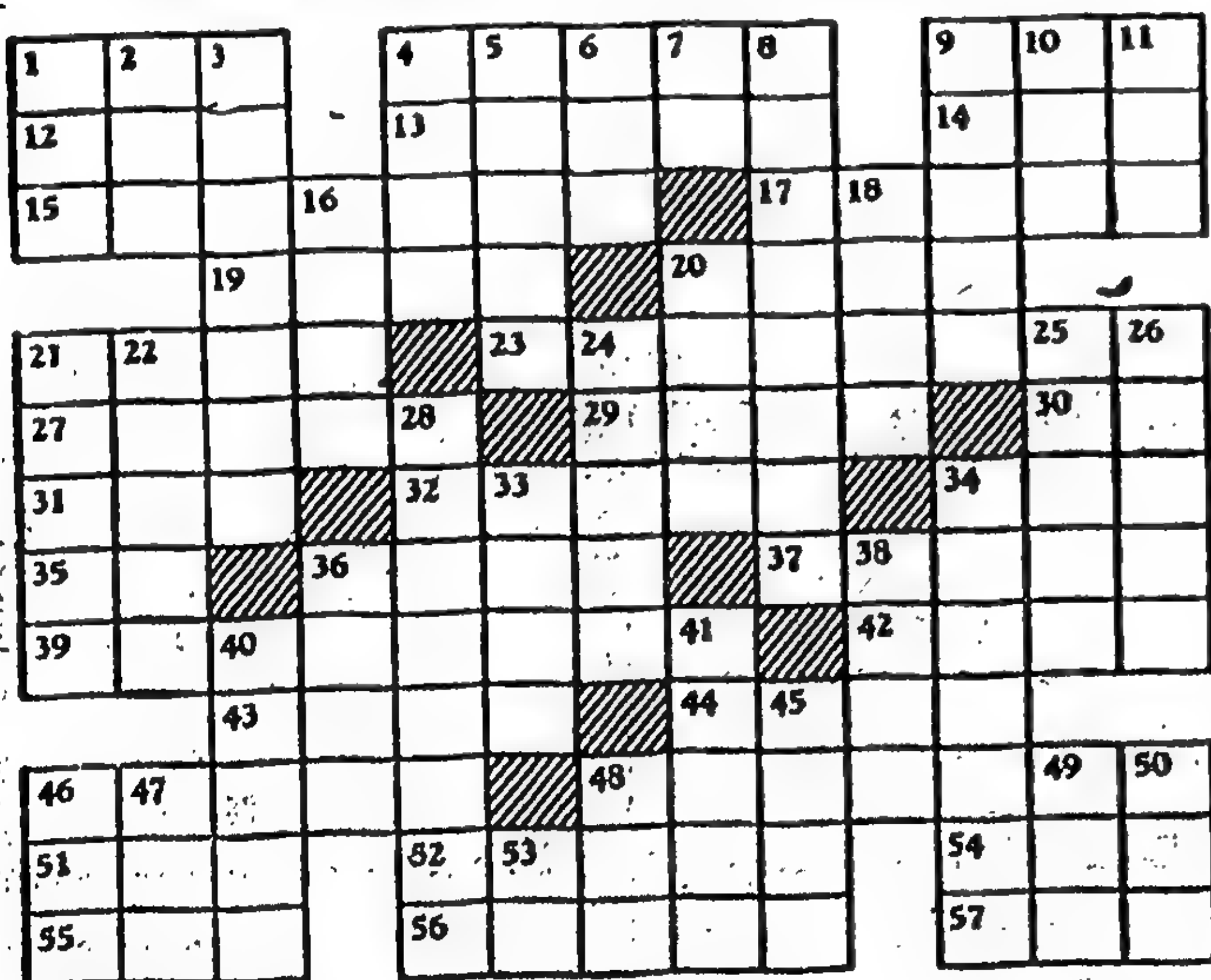
YACHTSMEN'S GIFT

Lord Queenborough, Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, has been asked to accept a travelling kitchen from commodores of yacht clubs in the United States. The sum of £3,000 was raised, and the gift is intended for use at the ports.

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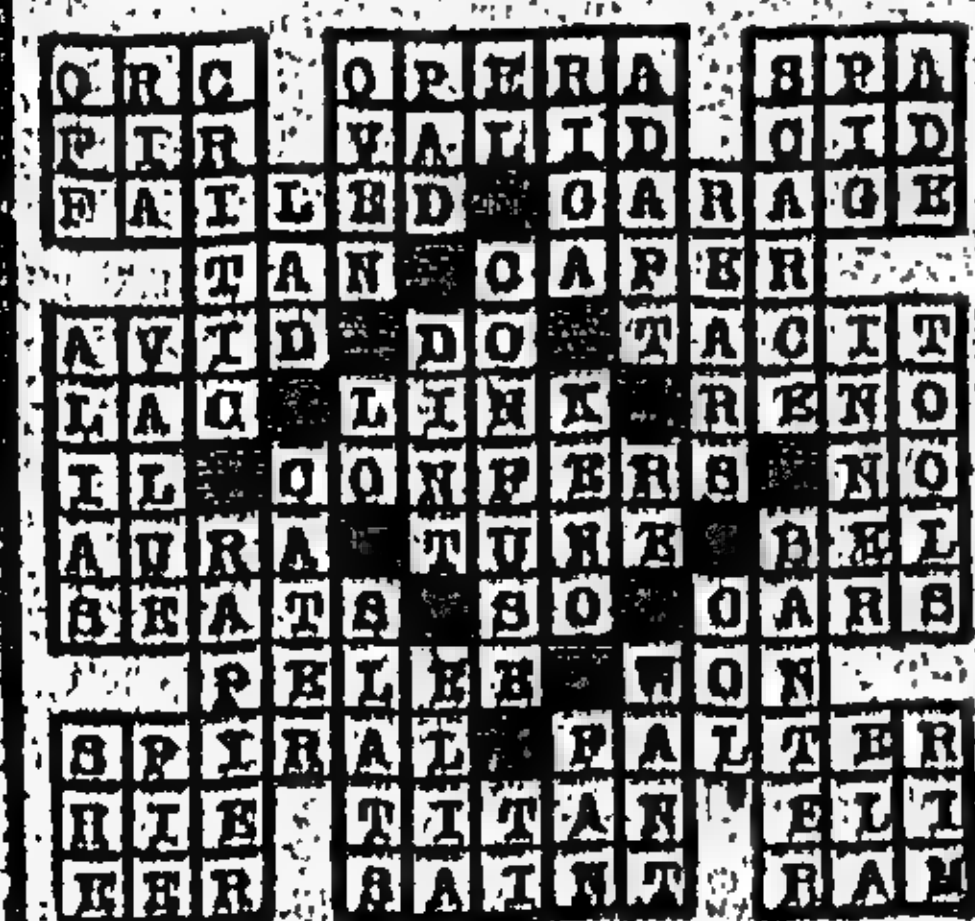


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1 Inferior part of a fleece
4 Sugary
8 To imitate
12 New Zealand bird
13 Varieties of colour
14 Rodent
15 To acknowledge
17 Palm genus
19 To surfelt
20 Algerian seaport
21 Grey
23 To consign
27 Loam deposit
29 Glacial snow
30 Sun god
31 European fish
32 River in Scotland
34 To equip
35 Negative
36 Silkworm
37 Mountain ridge
39 Jewels
42 Above
43 Globular protuberance
44 To carry
45 Musical direction

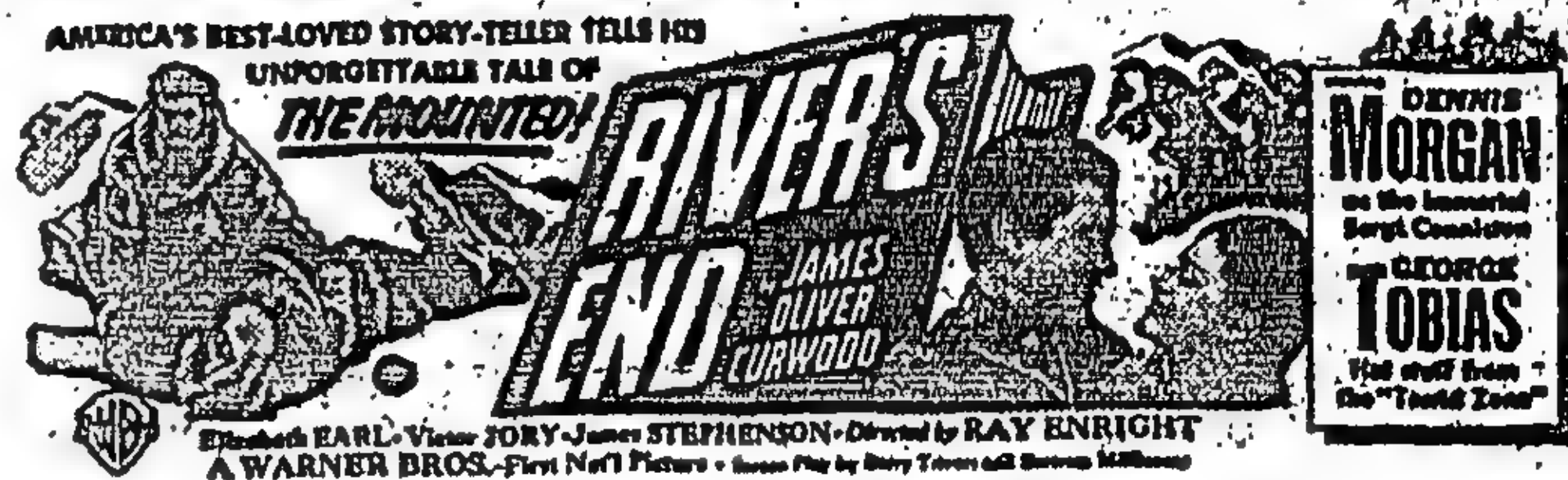
- 48 To put in proper order
51 Fabulous bird
52 Pertaining to ships
54 Pike-like fish
55 However
56 To hang
57 Holland commune

- VERTICAL**
1 Part of a circle
2 To show disapproval of
3 Walling fairy
4 Let it stand
5 More learned
6 Abstract being
7 French conjunction
8 Wife of the tsar's son
9 Place of combat
10 Moccasin
11 Greek letter
12 Elves
18 Fit of anger
20 Butter substitute
21 To place in a row
22 Biblical city
24 Toward the centre
25 Stale
26 Avid
28 Spanish dance
33 Abrading instrument
34 Vengeance
36 God of love
38 List
40 To choose
41 Strip of leather
45 Heraldic bearing
46 Lever
47 Fish eggs
48 Hummingbird
49 To wander
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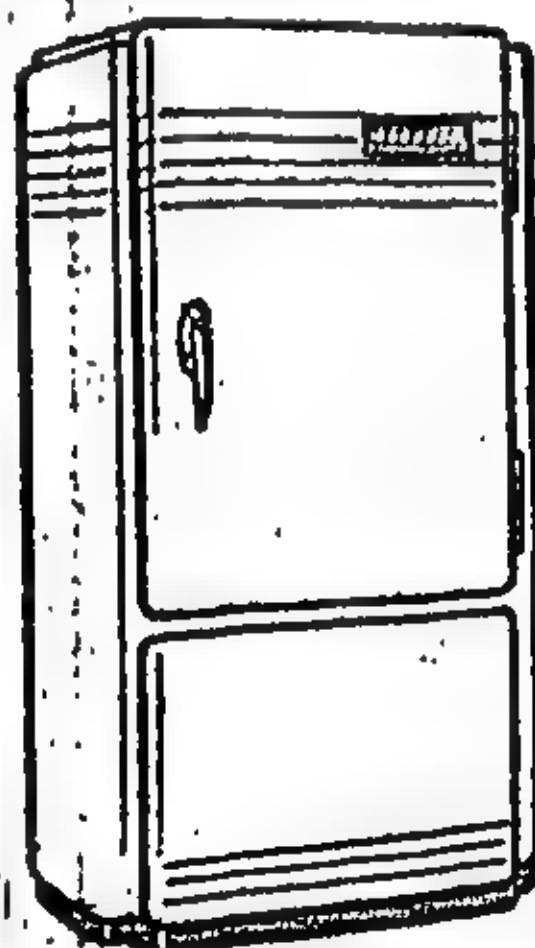
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U.S. LOAN TO BRITAIN PROBABLE

MR. JESSE JONES, U.S. Federal Loan Administrator, in announcing in a formal statement in Washington yesterday that it is "considering a loan to the British Government," said the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was studying a loan under the new law authorising such a loan, and added:

"Purpose of the loan would be to provide the British with dollar exchange to pay for war supplies in this country without having to sell their American securities and investments at a forced sale."

Mr. Jones did not name any amount but in some quarters it is reported the loan would be for "several hundred million dollars."

R.F.C. officials, however, hinted that a smaller figure was contemplated at the start.

Mr. Jones said the collateral of the proposed loan would include "direct investments and a wide diversification of stocks and bonds of corporations" in the United States.—Reuter.

JUNK FIRE OFF LAICHIKOK

Blazing for almost eight hours, a large junk fully loaded with petrol, was totally destroyed this morning off Laichikok.

Only one man was injured. He was burned when he attempted to salvage tins of petrol floating in the vicinity.

An explosion occurred on board the junk shortly after midnight and the boat was immediately enveloped in flames which were visible for miles.

The crew, some 10 in number, jumped overboard and swam to safety.

Fire appliances from mainland stations and a fire float from Victoria were sent and returned after 8 a.m. to-day.

U.S. AID TO BRITAIN

SHIPMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO BRITAIN IN APRIL TOTALLED \$128,000,000.

This represents the largest amount of goods sent to Britain in any month for the past 20 years and is nearly two and a half times greater than in April last year.

The British Empire in April received \$240,000,000 worth of American goods — about 81 per cent. of United States total exports.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY SEES SOVIET ENVOY

Admiral Leahy, U.S. Ambassador to the Vichy Government, visited the Soviet Ambassador yesterday morning, says Reuter.

AMERICAN RED CROSS EFFORT

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS SPENT OVER \$18 MILLION AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OVER \$16 MILLIONS ON WAR RELIEF FOR BRITAIN, BELGIUM, CANADA, CHINA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GREECE, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA.

Almost half this has been for Britain, declared Mr. Laurence Mitchell, of the American Red Cross, in his testimony to the House of Representatives appropriations sub-committee.

Mr. Mitchell said no instance had been reported of any diversion or confiscation of supplies.

Eleven of 369 ships carrying supplies to Britain had been lost at sea. One shipload for Greece had also been lost.—Reuter.

NAZIS LOSE MAIL SERVICE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
AS AN AFTERMATH TO THE OUTBREAK OF THE RUSSO-GERMAN WAR, THE SHANGHAI POST OFFICE HAS DISCONTINUED SENDING MAIL FOR GERMANY OR NAZI-OCCUPIED EUROPE VIA THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

Mail for neutral countries in Europe is still sent via Siberia, through the transmitting centre, Tientsin.

There is a possibility that mail for Germany will be sent to the United States, thence to Portugal and down to the Reich.—International News Service.

HUNGRY COOLIE STEALS BREAD

"I was so hungry that I was forced to steal the bread. I had not eaten for two days" pleaded a 45-year-old unemployed, Chu Leung, before Mr. G. F. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning when charged with theft.

Accused, snatched the bread from a trolley in Bonham Strand East yesterday.

He was cautioned.

THAILAND CELEBRATES DEMOCRACY

DEMOCRACY IS HORN-LOCKED IN MORTAL COMBAT IN EUROPE AND THAILAND REAFFIRMED HER FAITH IN DEMOCRATIC IDEALS BY A THREE-DAY NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION OF THE NINTH BIRTHDAY OF THE DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION WHICH SHE WON WITH THE BLOODLESS COUP D'ETAT OF JUNE 24, 1932.

One of the leaders of the coup d'etat is the present head of the Thai Government, Major-General Luang Pibula Songgram.

Besides illuminations, fairs, processions, fireworks displays, tournaments and torchlight parades National Day celebrations were marked by the opening of new avenues, trunk roads, rail lines, a landing station for international flyingboats, an internal commercial air line, university buildings, schools, hospitals and a Buddhist monastery where Buddha's relics brought from India had been deposited. The foundation stone was also laid for the memorial to those fallen in the Indo-China border conflict.—Reuter.

THAILAND AND JAPAN

"I WISH VERY MUCH THAT MR. MATSUOKA WOULD PAY A VISIT TO THAILAND," SAID THE THAI PREMIER TO JAPANESE PRESSMEN WHEN THE LATTER PRESENTED HIM WITH AN ANCIENT JAPANESE SWORD IN BANGKOK YESTERDAY.

He (the Premier) wanted to visit Japan but could not find the time at present. He would go when he found the opportunity he desired to promote cooperation between Thailand and Japan to the highest pitch.—Reuter.

BANK OF CHINA CLOSES BRANCHES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Three of the seven offices of the Bank of China operating in the foreign areas in Shanghai are to be closed on July 1. Reduced business is the cause of the closures, according to a high Bank official.—International News Service.

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INVADERS

They take neutrality seriously in Eire. The Very Reverend M. Hamilton, Administrator of Ennis and chairman of Clare County Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association, has just withdrawn his nomination for the presidency of the association's congress because "of the introduction and toleration of foreign games among the members of the National Army." He thinks it an insult to the memory and sacrifice of Ireland's dearest martyr to read in the papers of the Rugby team of the Regiment of Pearse. And (he says).

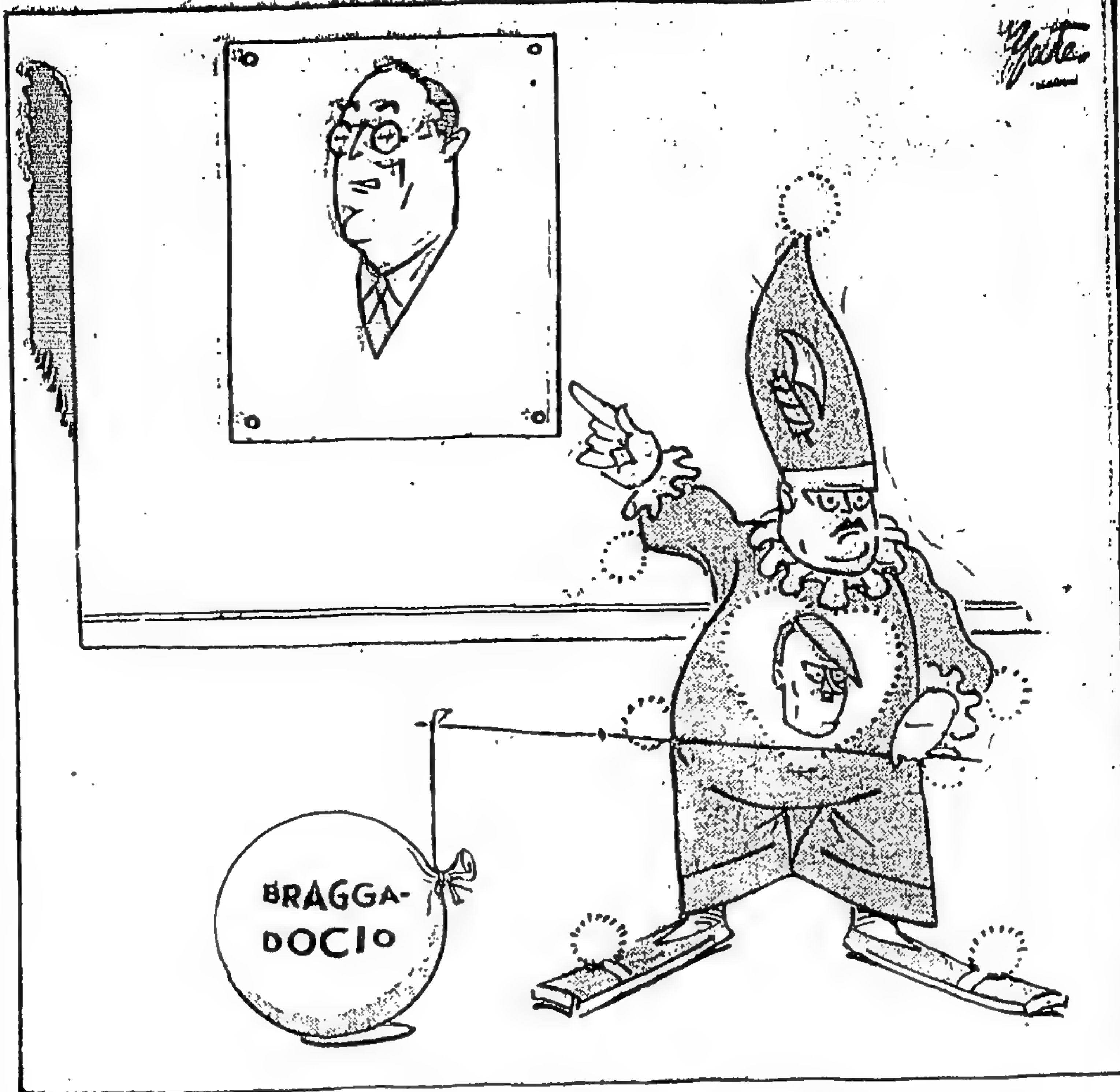
at a time when the manpower of the nation is being rallied and disciplined to resist attack from any possible invader of our land it is surely a travesty of national loyalty to allow foreign games to be played on the recreation-grounds of our defence forces.

But why should the very reverend gentleman stop at the recreation-grounds? Surely cards are "foreign" (unless there is an Irish bridge or an Irish nap), and what of chess and draughts and darts? What is there left for the patriotic Irish neutral to do? And is there not treason in high places, for did not Mr. De Valera himself once play Rugby for Blackrock College and the Minister of Defence indulge in Association? Still, once you set about preparing against invasion you might as well do the job thoroughly, and "foreign games" are no doubt as insidious a form of English penetration as any.

MISUNDERSTOOD

Nothing is more painful than to see the righteous misunderstood, and no one is more pained than Mr. Matsuoka when he sees this happening to Japan. A member of the Japanese Diet recently complained that the Indian Congress was friendly towards the Chungking Government in China; he said this was a serious matter when Japan was setting up her Greater East Asian Sphere of Co-Prosperity. Mr. Matsuoka replied:

Members of the Congress party are evidently under the impression that Japan is persecuting a weak China and that if they approached Japan their own country would soon be persecuted similarly. Efforts have not been



DA VILLAIN-A OF DA PIECE-A

Privileged Pilots

By
J. Wentworth
Day

Little is heard of the war work of the Air Transport Auxiliary: it does not attract the spotlight. Twice within a few days it lost gallant members with the loss of a plane—Amy Johnson and Capt. Horsey—and the tragedy of their death drew brief attention to that body of pilots of no Service rank or status, who, on flying duties of a special kind, have the right to fly anywhere in Britain at any time.

What, then, is the work of the Air Transport Auxiliary?

They pilot Spitfires, Hurricanes, Wellingtons, Ansons and the most hush-hush aircraft that were ever wheeled on the tarmac. They wear a private uniform of their own—or just civilian clothes. They must be ready to fly anything, anywhere, in almost any weather.

They are paid, but some of them refuse to take the money. Yet they fly more types of aircraft than many a Service pilot has ever seen, and though they are sometimes found in areas thick with the enemy, they carry no arms and fly machines without guns or bombs. In fine—they have all the fun of war, some of the risks, none of the glory; and nothing to hit back with.

Men Of All Callings

Every one is a volunteer in the A.T.A. Some are millionaires and some are farmers. Several are stockbrokers and one is a professional huntsman. Three of them have only one arm and one man has one arm and one eye. Most are British but some are Poles and others are Americans. Some of the men were of no particular calling—men of leisure—in the piping times of peace and others have worked hard all their lives for very little. But each man, whether he is 50 or 20, can fly. I doubt if anywhere in the world there is a body of men who have flown more different types of aircraft or had more diverse flying experience than these men—and women.

We drove in the winter dawn through narrow lanes lit with holly berries and warmed by rose-red old cottages to a wide expanse of gull-dappled grass. It

lacking to persuade them that their idea is mistaken, but those endeavours are obstructed by Britain. Altogether, Japan's efforts in this regard have been unsuccessful.

Strange how these malicious ideas get about!

looked peaceful, English, very much "away from it all." Yet, as we swung inside the barbed-wire fencing of their domain, there stood blue-clad sentries with fixed bayonets and we felt the pulse of war.

Waiting Aircraft

Aircraft of all sizes, shapes, colours and designs were to be found there. They lined the aerodrome, glimmered dimly in enormous hangars, peeped shyly from belts of woodland. The noses of aeroplanes stood up stiff, dark and triangular in the mist of dawn.

It was a queer, unfamiliar sight, for the scene lacked the Service trimness of an R.A.F. station, yet it transcended in its variety the cheerful cosmopolitan mass of machines of all sorts which one remembered on a civil airfield in the jolly days of peace.

We went to a long, low shed and entered an uncarpeted room furnished with chairs and a time-worn piano. A stove burned redly. Maps and charts chequered a table. The room was full of men. "Afraid it's not much of a mess," said my host and guide, "but you'll meet the boys—several you know here, too."

Banker Air Chief

As we talked other pilots came in. There was Mr. Gerard d'Erlanger, tall, pale-faced, dark and uncommunicative. Now Mr. d'Erlanger is not only a hard-working banker but he is the live wire of commercial aviation in a big way. To-day he is chief of this very "mixed bag" of airmen and airwomen.

The mild-looking but highly surprising Mr. Leo Partridge entered with a faint and quizzical smile. Mr. Partridge always rather looks as if he has lost his way in life, but that is merely his method of deceiving the world. Not only has he an eclectic taste in old furniture and a practised manner in big-game hunting, but he is a young man who possesses a surprising and audacious turn of wit.

The blunt and blunt Mr. Bill Harben joined the throng. Mr. Harben has a habit of taking the air with a cheetah and a chimpanzee. They share a cottage.

I recognized a brother journalist, exchanged Brooklands re-

miniscences—shades of the Sunbeam Tigress!—with a couple of ex-racing drivers, and drank another cup of tea with a boot manufacturer.

His "Nice Day's" Work

An A.T.A. pilot's job would not be easy for the best all-round pilot in the world. He is almost invariably a man who has been refused for the R.A.F. because of age or disability. His job is to collect new aircraft, either from the factory or from the "collecting point" and fly them to whatever units of the Service need them. The result is that no one day's work is ever like another.

For example, my host, Mr. Richard Fairley, whose father builds the dive-bombers which put the cat among the pigeons at Taranto, was refused for the R.A.F. because of a spinal injury. Yet he has several thousand flying hours' experience and is qualified to fly all types of machines. That morning he took off in a Spitfire to the Midlands; delivered it; collected a Wellington, which he took on to Scotland, and then came back home via Bristol in an Anson—"Nice varied day but a bit tricky coming home, what with mist and barrage balloons. Risky things, those."

The idea of A.T.A. was born in the brain of Mr. d'Erlanger, last August. He saw the day coming when British railways and roads might be wrecked, devastated areas virtually isolated and the R.A.F. perhaps unable to maintain communications. That was when the shadow of the Luftwaffe was bigger than its body has so far proved to be.

So Mr. d'Erlanger sought out F. D. Bradbrooke, the well-known air journalist, and they began to rope in all the pilots of any age who were unfit for R.A.F. service to form an emergency communication body of light aircraft.

"Plenty of us about who'd flown in the last war, and since, you know; but when we offered ourselves they said, 'Oh, try A.R.P.'"

Within three weeks Mr. d'Erlanger had 40 expert pilots. Mr. Phillip Wills the sailplane expert, was one. Mr. C. S. Napier, the aero engine designer, was another. So was Mr. Wally Handley, the racing motorist. Mr. Keith Jopp, who lost an arm and an eye in the last war, also joined. He is the oldest pilot of them all, but he has flown more than 150 Spitfires to date.

Since then A.T.A. has flown over one and a half million miles and delivered many thousands of machines, it operates from eight different stations. There are 220 pilots, of whom 20 are ex-civil air line pilots, seven are Poles and 25 are Americans.

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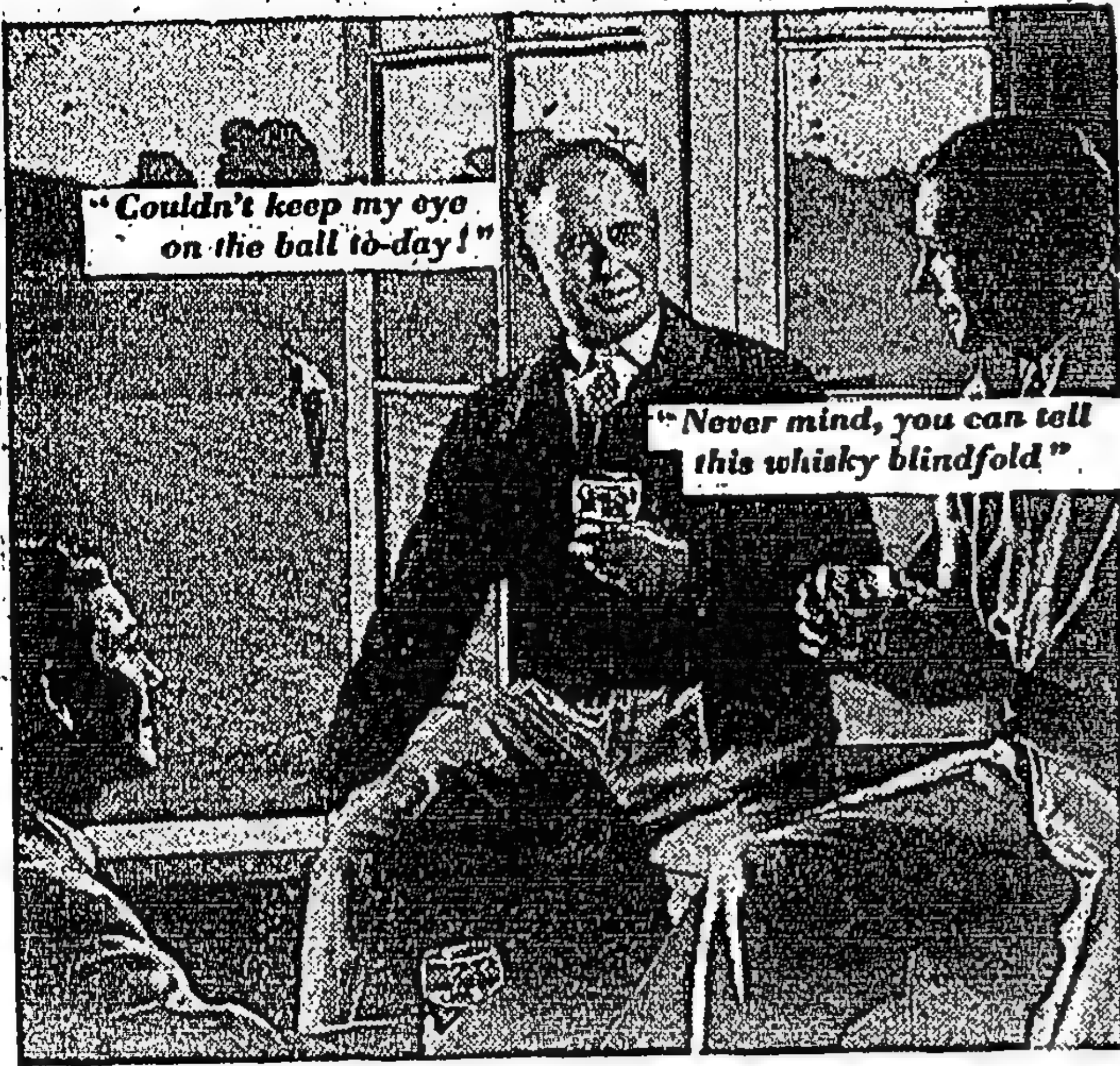
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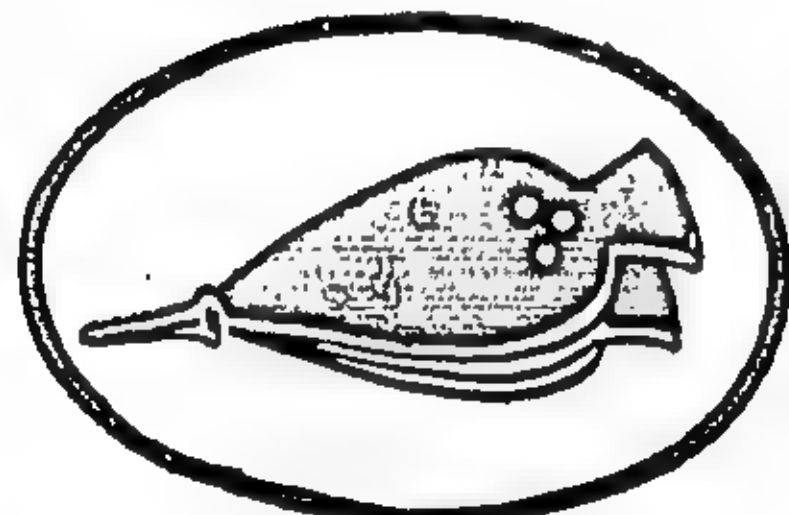
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HITLER'S BIG GAMBLE IN NEW INVASION

THE VALUE OF THE economic help the Allies can give Russia in the present conflict is keenly discussed in informed circles in London where the question is regarded as second only in importance to that of the Soviet's capacity to contain Germany's vast military offensive.

The two questions are in fact closely related. If the Russians succeed in holding the Germans the economic consequences will be extremely damaging to the invaders.

Lost already are all supplies from Russia and lost are all supplies from the East via the trans-Siberian railway. Particularly damaging will be the loss of petroleum and lubricating oils.

If the Germans succeed the occupying parts of Russia their gain depends on

Firstly, how much territory they occupy.

Second, how quickly.

Third, in what state they find the territory.

Should the Germans obtain possession of the Ukraine and the Caucasus only after a delay of six or eight weeks they will probably acquire very little of the 1941 harvest. They may gain some petroleum depending on the condition in which the industry is found.

If the Russian retreaters destroy or remove stocks and make plant unusable, the Germans cannot obtain much additional petroleum in Russia for at least a year.

New holes must be drilled and new equipment provided and so far as is known the Germans have not sufficient resources to refurnish and restock.

Regarding agriculture, the effect in war of Stalin's farm collectivisation policy is all to the disadvantage of the Germans.

Not only must precious German oil be diverted to keep farms going—since the Russians have not enough horses to replace mechanised equipment, but a complete reorganisation of agriculture will be necessary.

Collective farms are worked on a central planning system, raw materials, equipment management and so on being obtained from central points, and if the Russians shall have taken the precaution to remove keymen and specialists, the Germans will have to import anything to a quarter million men, including agriculture managers, bookkeepers, storemen and many other grades.

Speed Essential

As for minerals, if the Germans need iron ore and having ship-ping available they can get it.

If they reach the Urals there is But can the Germans restart industrial machinery and management? Unless they complete their task very quickly and unless the Russians—an unlikely event—leave the organisation in all forms intact, the Germans' venture during the next twelve months will entail a big loss.—British Wireless.

COLONIAL WAR EFFORT

Disregarding interest-free loans, which amount to £1,800,000, the Colonial Governments have contributed £14,353,034 as money gifts to the war effort from their own revenue or reserves.

This was stated in a parliamentary reply by the Colonial Under-Secretary, who added that substantial new or increased undertakings had been entered into by the Colonial Governments but the amounts involved could not yet be precisely stated.—British Wireless.

BOMBLESS DAY

No report of bombs having been dropped on Britain had been received up 8 p.m. It is officially stated.—British Wireless.

JAPAN TO SIT ON FENCE

Discussing for the first time Japan's plans to deal with the new international situation created by the Soviet entry into the war, "sources close to the Government" stated yesterday, according to the Domei agency:

"There will be no change in Japan's fundamental policy of attaching primary importance to a solution of the Sino-Japanese conflict and the establishment of a new order in East Asia.

"Consequently the Japanese Government is at present not placing undue importance on the question of issuing any announcement formally defining its attitude or clarifying its future policy, but prefers calmly to watch events abroad and deal with future developments as they arise.

"During this time the Cabinet will meet in extraordinary session wherever necessary and will also hold consultations from time to time with high officials of the War and Navy Ministries." —Reuter.

SOVIET BLACK SEA STRENGTH

THE RUSSIAN SUBMARINE FLOTILLA IN THE BLACK SEA WAS RECENTLY REINFORCED BY ADMIRAL KUZNETZOFF, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE RUSSIAN NAVY, ACCORDING TO NEWS REACHING ANKARA, SAYS THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH NEWS AGENCY.

This followed discussions regarding priority between the defences of the Baltic and Black Seas.

The Russians finally decided that defence of the Caucasus was more important as a supply centre of the Red Army.

The Russians are said to be constructing underground aerodromes in the Ukraine, with a view to avoiding the destruction of planes on the ground.—Reuter.

SECRET SESSION ON SHIPPING

The House of Commons yesterday discussed the shipping position in secret session. It is understood the Prime Minister made a comprehensive statement to the House.—Reuter.

The Indian Association of H.K. and South China will be "At Home" to-morrow to His Excellency, Sir Geoffrey Northcote at the Gloucester Hotel at 5.20 p.m.

RED ARMY TO STAND ON OLD LINE

The Russians are withdrawing to their old defence works on the other side of the River Dniester but the advancing Germans are hampering them in taking up positions, according to Italian correspondents in Bucharest.

The Berlin newspaper "Tidningen" quotes military quarters as saying the operations so far have been merely preliminary to a great clash which is expected when the main Russian army is met, though tactical surprise methods have enabled the Germans to gain considerable ground in some regions.

It is expected that the encounter with the main Russian body will not be long delayed. The correspondent adds that it is declared in Berlin that the German forces are faster than anything yet seen in this war or in history.

Swedish correspondents in Berlin announce that concrete news of the fighting will probably be available during the day.—Reuter.

NAZI FILM SHOWN IN CHUNGKING

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

NEWS RECEIVED FROM CHUNGKING IS TO THE EFFECT THAT ON THE EVE OF THE GERMAN ATTACK ON THE EASTERN FRONT, THE GERMAN WAR MOVIE-SOUND PICTURE "VICTORY IN THE WEST," WAS SHOWN IN THE CHINESE WAR CAPITAL.

As guests of the German Embassy, 700 Chungking residents crowded the studio of the China Moving Picture Company.

Chinese Government leaders, including ministers, vice-ministers, high military officials and also members of the United States and Italian Embassy staffs, together with a section of the Chinese and foreign press were present.

The audience showed great interest and gained a general idea of the German blitzkrieg methods.—International News Service.

SWEDEN'S EXCUSE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Swedish decision to allow a division of German troops to pass through to Finland was taken "under forms protecting Swedish sovereignty," it was stated in Stockholm.

A Swedish communique stated "Our main resolve is to maintain neutrality and stay out of the conflict." The permission to Germany to transport troops was granted under terms of protecting Sweden.—International News Service.

THE KING'S SYMPATHY

The King and Queen have sent their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hoath, of Worthing, whose son, Lieutenant John James Hoath, of the Fleet Air Arm, has been killed in action. He was one of two pilots on the cruiser Southampton for the royal tour of Canada.

POLISH PILOT GETS FOUR ON FIRST DAY IN ACTION

A 25-YEAR-OLD NEWCOMER TO A FAMOUS POLISH SQUADRON OPENED HIS SCORE IN THE FIRST OFFENSIVE SWEEP ON MONDAY BY SHOOTING DOWN ONE ME109 AND PROBABLY A SECOND.

In the second sweep that day he destroyed three — the third one he rammed, cutting off its tail with the propeller of his Spitfire, after all his ammunition had gone.

He is now in hospital suffering from a cut forehead and a broken collar bone.

His squadron was acting as escort in an attack on a target in northern France. When 50 miles inside France at 14,000 feet a ME109 flew in to attack.

Wheeling round he fired five bursts with the cannon. The third burst blew the enemy into tiny pieces.

The Polish pilot was about to take up position in the squadron when he saw a ME109 attack a compatriot. He fired two short bursts at the ME109 which started a dog fight.

When he turned away the Pole chased after him. A short burst sent the enemy down in flames.

Again the pilot attempted to rejoin the squadron over the Channel but was attacked by another ME 109.

When the Pole realised he had run out of ammunition he turned sharply inside the 109 and rammed it, cutting the whole of the tail unit with the airscrew. His windscreen was covered with oil and a broken fragment from the enemy got him in the face.

Crash Landing

He made for the English coast blinded by the blood which poured from the wound, and landed in a small field.

The aircraft struck a telegraph pole and in the crash he broke a collar bone.

By his success he brought the squadron's score to 151 destroyed since the last day of August, 1940. — British Wireless.

Mr. Churchill in Operations Room

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] RUMBLING EXPLOSIONS ROCKED THE FRENCH INVASION COAST ON TUESDAY AS R.A.F. BOMBERS LASHED THE GERMAN CONTINENTAL WAR MACHINE IN AN OFFENSIVE WATCHED BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL BEHIND THE LINES.

As the sky over France glowed red, the Air Ministry revealed that Mr. Churchill sat in the Fighter Control Room and, with the Commander-in-Chief, Fighter Command, watched the tide of battle raging many miles away.

In eight days the R.A.F. has downed 112 German planes, with the loss of 26 British, the pilots of five being safe. — International News Service.

BALTIC SHIP ISSUE CROPS UP

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Complications are seen in the U.S. aid for Russia, as the Soviet has asked for the release of Baltic ships tied up in American waters.

The Soviet has been trying for months to obtain their release, the State Department refusing as the U.S. does not recognise the Russian occupation of the Baltic countries. — International News Service.

TELEPHONES FOR A.R.P. SHELTERS

As a measure of improvement in the administration of air raid shelters in Chungking following the recent suffocation disaster, special telephones will be installed in shelters to keep all persons therein informed of the movements of enemy planes in future raids. — Central News.

NEW NAZI AND R.A.F. FIGHTERS

Since Spitfires and Hurricanes of the R.A.F. began shooting down specimens of the new mark of Messerschmidt single-seater fighter ME109F there has been a good deal of speculation about the purpose for which it is designed and its real capabilities.

Four obvious differences between the new ME and its predecessors are that it has a more powerful engine, changed armament, pre-designed wings with rounded wing tips, and a new tail plane now devoid of bracing struts.

There are other changes, too, such as making the tail wheel retractable and giving a general cleaning up to the silhouette, which clearly aim at greater speed.

It is obvious these various improvements will result in a higher ceiling and better performance at height.

Britain's own single-seat fighters, the Hawker Hurricane and Vickers Spitfire, have undergone several modifications since the war began.

The results have been a great improvement to their performance in speed, height and other ways.

Interesting Feature

Re-engineing the ME 109 and giving it new wings and a better streamlining may be regarded as the Germans' contribution to the contest of improving existing types.

An interesting feature of the new ME is the way the armament is now distributed.

Wing guns have been dropped and all it has is one cannon of 15 mm. firing through the airscrew hub, and two small bore machine-guns mounted on the fuselage.

This central grouping of the armament weight may result in better power of manoeuvre, never a strong point in the ME 109. So far the ME 109F has not been encountered in force. — British Wireless.

DEFENDS SHELTER MORALS

No information has reached the Home Office suggesting that shelters are being used for immoral purposes during all clear periods, the Under-Secretary stated in the Commons. When Public Morality Council statements were referred to he remarked: "This matter has been greatly exaggerated."

BATTLE OF THE NILE DELTA

In a survey of the African fighting yesterday, Colonel Walter Elliot, after referring to the invasion of Russia, said that in the eastern Mediterranean the Nile Delta was being held in strength and the strength of the enemy around it tested while clearing the flanks to south and east.

How great was this work of clearing our southern flank in East Africa was not generally recognized.

The campaign now approaching termination had cleared not only a land flank but the sea flank, both of vital importance.

To clear the Axis from the shores of both the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean, was the task which was undertaken and could only be undertaken by land forces, and is a striking example how armies and navies are indispensable to each other's strategy.

On the western flank in the Western Desert a heavy probe was recently undertaken against the enemy forces' positions.

The stalwart campaign which had been and is being carried on at Tobruk is another example of the interdependence of land and sea power.

At the present moment the northern flank in Syria was being cleared. It was a hard enough decision to go into Syria, harder still for the Free French.

The lesson of this war was that it was a war of quality, quality of men and quality of equipment, rather than numbers.

The quality of British equipment was first rate and the quantity was rapidly coming forward. The quality of the men was, according to all observers, very high. — British Wireless.

CHOC FOR CHILDREN M.P.

Children will hail Mr. Robert Gibson, Labour M.P. for Greenock, as their friend.

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Utensils, etc., etc.

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1 Radio-gram "Pye"
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WATCHING THE SPOTS

By The Four Aces

South opened a "mouse-trap"
hand and thereafter could not
stop his partner from going to a
Slam. The outcome was a
triumph of poetic justice, for
South had opened the bidding
because of his strong spot-cards,
and it was a spot-card which gave
him eventual victory.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 8 5
♥ A 4
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A K J 7 5
WEST
♠ K 10 4
♥ K 7 6 2
♦ Q 10 6 4
♣ 6 2
EAST
♠ Q 7 6 3 2
♥ 10 9 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 4 3
SOUTH
♠ J 9
♥ Q J 8 5
♦ A K J
♣ Q 10 9 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
♣	Pass	6♣	Pass

West led a trump, fearing that
any other lead would cost a trick.
Dummy won with
the King, and
South won another
trump with the
nine.

Declarer then
led the Queen of
hearts for a finesse,
holding the trick
with the Queen. A
low heart to the
Ace produced the nine from East
—the key to the successful play.
It was clear that East had
either no more hearts or the
lone ten of hearts. If the former,
the hearts were useless; if the
latter, the heart eight could be
established.

South therefore returned to his
hand with a high diamond to
lead the Jack of hearts. West
covered with the King, dummy
ruffed, and East dropped the all-
important ten.

South could then return to his
hand with the remaining high
diamond to discard dummy's last
diamond on the established eight
of hearts. Only a spade trick
had to be lost.

Yesterday you were Howard
Schenken's partner and, with
neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 9 5 2
♥ 8
♦ J 7 5 3
♣ Q 7 4

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maier
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one spade.
Whether to make any response
at all is a bit of a question if
the high-card strength is con-
sidered, but the singleton heart is
a decisive factor. The chances
are very good that some better
contract than one heart can be
found.

Score 100% for one spade,
50% for pass, 0 for any other
bid.

Question No. 752
To-day you hold the same hand,
and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maier
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer
tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndi-
cate, Inc.)

WOMEN WORKERS ARE "STICKERS"

Mr. Watson Smyth, head of the
training department of the Min-
istry of Labour, said at Oxford
that women war workers' interest
in their work had been exempli-
fied by the way they had been
known to stick to their jobs dur-
ing an Alert, when the men slunk
away to shelters.

Blitz Stew Is Stand-By

BLITZ STEW will be the standby in London's
emergency communal feeding arrangements if the
city is so severely knocked about in a raid that exist-
ing feeding arrangements fail.

Great stocks of the stew have been prepared. It
has been served in the Londoners' Meal Service can-
teens, and in the County Hall canteen. Verdict in
every case was "First rate."

First aim of the emergency
feeding kitchens will be to see
that everybody gets an easily-
prepared and satisfying meal on
which a day's work can be done.

Blitz stew is the meal. With
bread and tea it has been found
ideal.

On the day after a heavy raid
people usually are too excited to
eat much. For that day they can
have blitz stew.

Stew For Sixpence

Later, when transport arrange-
ments improve, meat can be add-
ed, turning the blitz stew into
Irish stew. Milk can be added,
making it richer.

Charge for the blitz stew will
be sixpence. When meat is
added the cost may be 8d. or 9d.
Tea will be 1/2d. a cup.

A kitchen which serves 200
meals can serve 1,000 blitz stew
meals in four or five hours.

Off The Menu

The cut of one-seventh in milk
supplies threatens the tradition-
al pot of tea in London's tea-
shops.

Manageresses have to see that
all customers get milk in their
tea. A jug of milk on the table
runs away with too much milk.
That means no more pots of tea.

But manageresses are given dis-
cretion, and they can serve pots
if they think supplies will run to
it.

Icecream Still —But Less

There will be ice-cream this
summer—but NOT as usual. One
firm says there will be no "Stop-
me-and-buy-one" men.

Some manufacturers have had
their cold-storage plants taken
over by the Government for food
storing.

Firms still making ices are using
secret recipes. One uses wheaten
flour as a foundation, with sugar
and fats added.

Reason for the shortage of ice-
cream is the order prohibiting the
use of milk in its manufacture.

Fish Trade Warned

The Food Minister threatened in
the House of Lords to use compul-
sory powers to get proper distri-
bution and reasonable prices for
fish.

He said he was confident that
dealers would sell at reasonable
prices. He much preferred that the
trade should act alone, but if it
didn't he would know what to do.

SUPPLY OF RAZOR BLADES DOUBLED

More safety-razor blades and
tinplate buckets, kettles and
saucepans are to be on sale soon.

The effective quota for these
goods for the period June 1 to
November 30 will be 50 per cent.
Instead of 25 per cent, the Board
of Trade announces.

There are few changes in the
quotas for the next restriction
period. The effective quota for
spring mattresses will remain at
25 per cent.

There have been difficulties in
obtaining supplies of mattresses in
districts affected by air raids, but
quantities outside the quota will
be supplied to local authorities
who can equip rest centres and
homeless people.

In view of the demand for
cheap suitcases, especially among
evacuees from bombed districts,
the effective quota for goods of
this class made of fibre-board will
be 50 per cent, instead of 33 1/3
per cent. The effective quota for
glassware and pottery will be
reduced from 33 1/3 per cent to
20 2/3 per cent.

SEAMEN HURT—HIT BY SMALL RATIONS

Treatment of six injur-
ed seamen had to be re-
tarded because the civil-
ian meat ration was in-
sufficient to build up their
strength.

Sir Ion Hamilton Benn revealed
this to the annual court of govern-
ors of the Seamen's Hospital
Society in London when urging
Service rations for injured mer-
chant seamen.

Sir Ion explained that the
strength of the six seamen could
not be built up sufficiently on
their rations for them to do the
exercises which would restore
the use of their injured limbs.

Unfair Distinction

The Government, he said, con-
tributed to the cost of treatment
of merchant seamen injured by
the enemy, but no State aid was
received for those injured or with
their health impaired by exposure
or strain.

"In one bed there may be a
soldier, Royal Navy sailor or air-
man who, through no fault of his
own, has not yet encountered the
enemy or endured extreme hard-
ship. He is entitled to Service
rations.

"In the next bed lies a sailor
straight from a Merchant Navy
ship which has been torpedoed
or bombed. He is classed as a
civilian casualty, or even civil-
ian sick if, having avoided
enemy attack, he has only con-
tracted pneumonia from ex-
posure on watch.

"He is only allowed the same
rations as you or me, though he
is really a front line combatant."

T.U.C.'S CONTEMPT FOR "GO EASY"

"The time of this Con-
gress is being wasted—the
price of defeat would be
that you would not even
be allowed to talk about
this."

In these words Mr. Charles
Murdoch, vice-president of the
Scottish T.U.C., at Dunoon, con-
demned a Greenock resolution
urging the workers to dissociate
themselves from the Churchill
Government.

"Certain organisations," he said,
"are asking our lads now fighting
to take things easier so that the
Government can be changed."

"Man for man our people can
win this war, but to win it we
must also have gun for gun, tank
for tank, and plane for plane.
The only people who can pro-
vide these are those in the trade
union movement.

"For heaven's sake do not stop
now. Our lads are up against it.
I hope Congress will treat this
move with the ridicule and the
contempt it deserves."

The Greenock resolution was
defeated by a large majority.

By George MacManus

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Eggs Are Plentiful--Let's Use Them Freely

Suggests Dorothy Greig

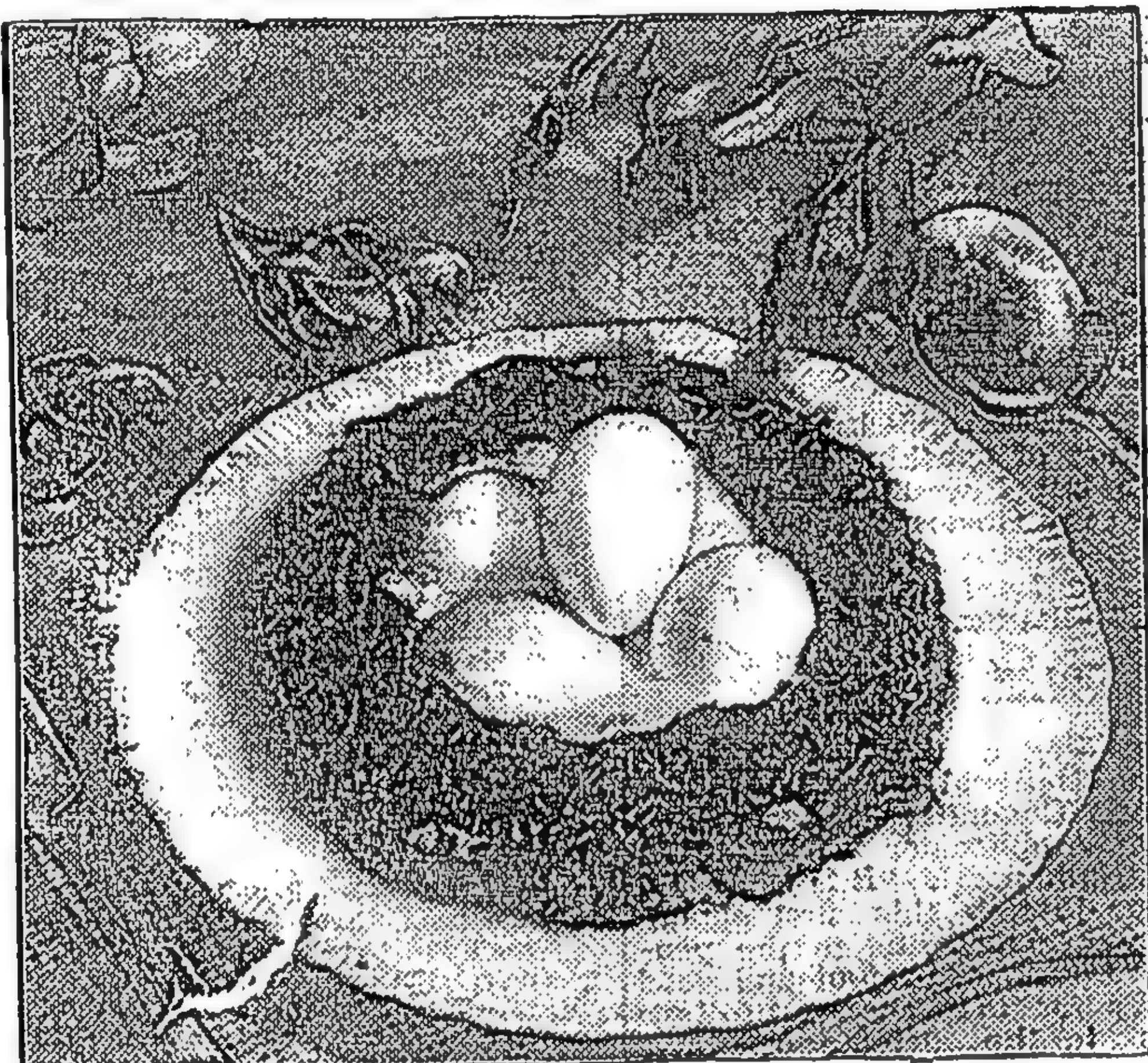
Lives there the woman who hasn't at one time or another said, "With eggs in the house, I can always put a meal together." And that is certainly the case.

Eggs fit into any meal--breakfast, lunch, dinner or supper. Eggs are highly nutritious -- and without waste. Everybody likes eggs, and eggs like everybody. Right now with Mrs. Hen on a mass production basis, it's the perfect time to serve eggs even more frequently, and to use them freely in cooking.

Recently I evolved a new way of serving eggs for lunch or supper that is really delicious. It's fun to serve, too, because it looks like eggs in a nest. This is the way it goes -- and you'll like its delicate cheese sauce:

Creamed Whole Eggs In Cheese Sauce

5 or 6 hard-cooked eggs
To prepare eggs -- Cook the eggs for 12 minutes in gently

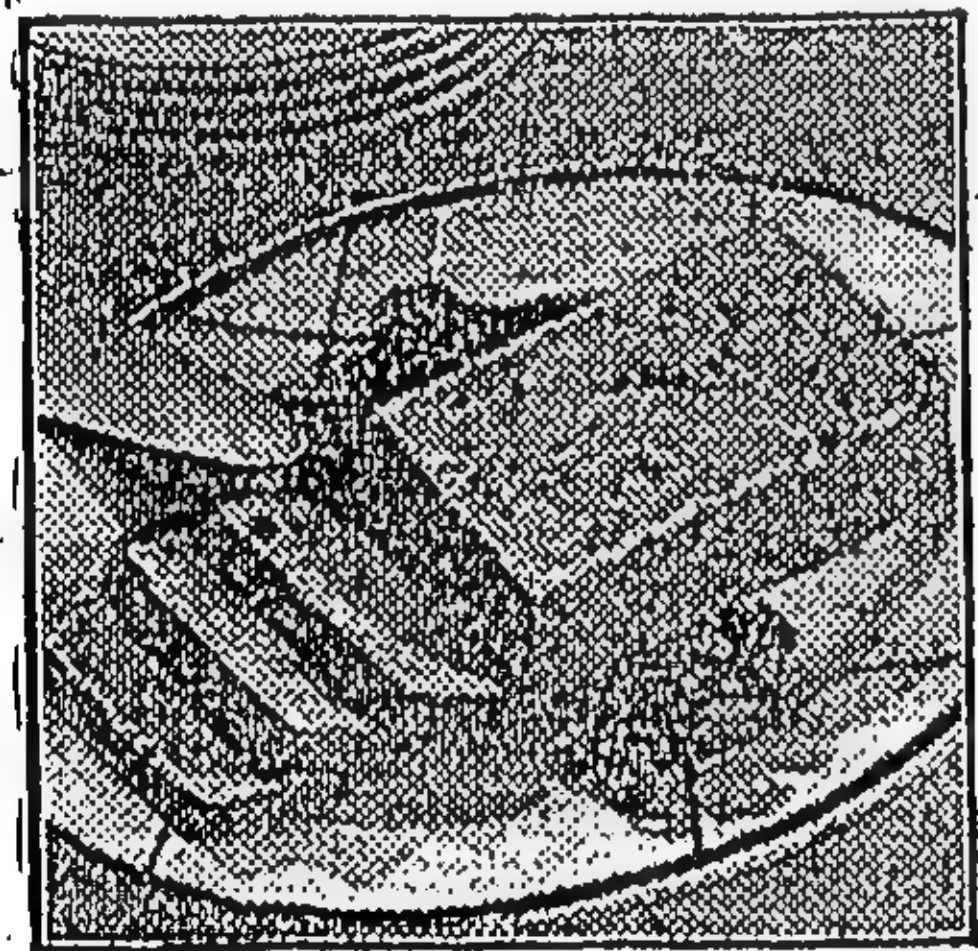


A spinach ring filled with whole eggs in cheese sauce is a delicious lunch or supper dish.

Fish-Mushroom LOAF

by Dorothy Greig

THE big solemn gaze of my small fry visitor watched me as I turned out this loaf and started to slice it. "It's tidy, isn't it?" she observed. That seemed an odd but amusingly accurate way to describe the tuna loaf. For it does slice down neatly without breaking or shedding crumbs.



It might be called a Surprise Loaf because while made of tuna fish, its flavor resembles chicken. Then, too, the condensed soup gives a subtle mingling of mushroom flavor through and through. Serve this loaf cold or hot. It's good either way:

1 can tuna fish (7 oz. size)
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
3/4 cups soft bread crumbs
1 tablespoon pimiento, chopped
1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
3 eggs

Put the tuna fish in a strainer and run hot water over it to take out the extra oil, then put the meat through the food chopper, using the small blade. Soak the bread crumbs in the 1/2 cup milk. Then combine tuna fish, bread crumbs with milk, pimiento, parsley, seasonings, cream of mushroom soup, and eggs and mix thoroughly. Put into a well-greased loaf pan and bake in a moderate oven (375° F.) for 50-60 minutes. Slice loaf 7"x3"x2 1/2". Serves 6-7.

boiling water. Pour cold water over eggs and remove shells immediately and put whole peeled eggs into warm water so as to keep warm before putting into the sauce.

Cheese Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
2 ounces mild cheese

Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir well, then add milk and finely sliced or grated cheese. Heat until the cheese is melted. Pour the cheese sauce over the hot hard-cooked eggs.

Serve in a spinach ring -- or a rice ring, if you prefer.

And then, of course, there is omelet. We all have our favorite way of serving it. Here's mine -- all fixed up with a zippy sauce and fit to set before a king.

The Omelet

6 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
Pinch of pepper
3 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons butter

Beat the eggs until well mixed; then add seasonings and water and mix again. Melt the butter in a pan and place over a moderate flame. Pour eggs in pan and as the omelet cooks, lift the edges and tip the pan so that the uncooked egg flows under the cooked portion of the omelet. When bottom is browned, put three tablespoons of Ham and Tomato Sauce in the omelet and fold over or roll. Serve omelet on a platter or plate and put more sauce over or around it. Serves 3-4.

The Ham and Tomato Sauce

2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 clove garlic
1 medium size onion chopped
3/4 cup boiled ham or prepared ham loaf
1 can condensed tomato soup
1 teaspoon sugar

Cook the very finely sliced garlic and chopped onion in the cooking oil, until soft, about 10 minutes. Then add ham cut in narrow strips about 3/4 inch long, cover and cook slowly for 10 more minutes. Add the tomato soup and sugar and cook until flavours are well blended.



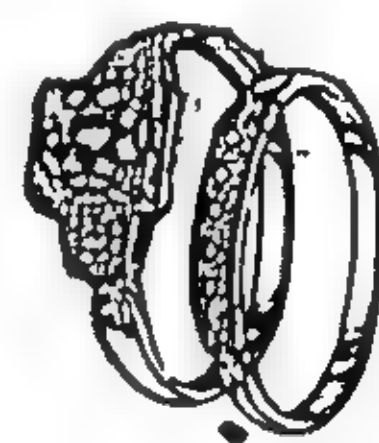
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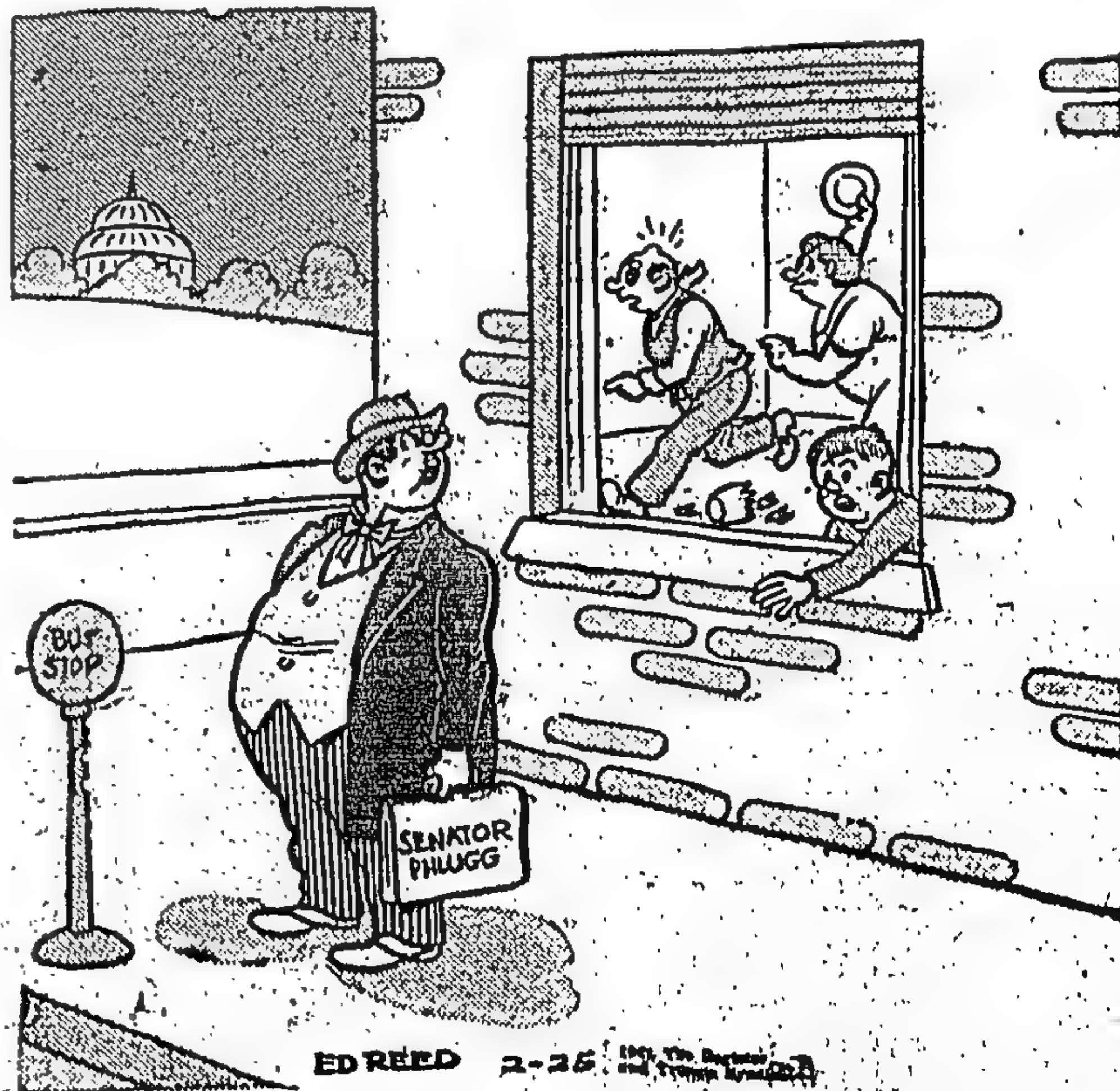
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TOAST TO RUSSIA

"TO THE SUCCESS OF RUSSIA" WAS THE TOAST PROPOSED IN LONDON YESTERDAY AMID PROLONGED APPLAUSE BY LORD NATHAN AT A LUNCHEON AT WHICH M. IVAN MAISKY, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, WAS PRESENT.

M. Maisky replied: "I have no intention of speaking on this occasion but I would like, on behalf of my Government and country, to express my sincere gratitude to Lord Nathan for his toast."—Reuter.

N.Z. Gesture

Presiding at the first luncheon of the National Defence Public Interest Committee at which the Soviet Ambassador was a guest, Lord Nathan said: "It is right and proper to take this first opportunity of conveying to the peoples of Russia our profound good wishes for the success of their arms in the defence of their country against our common foe."

M. Maisky expressed his appreciation and thanks.

The Prime Minister of New Zealand, who was guest of honour, said that two minutes after Mr. Churchill finished his broadcast on Sunday night he sent the cablegram asking for full support of the principles set forth in that speech and within a few hours received an endorsement.

Mr. Fraser spoke also of Hitler's obvious intention of removing the threat in the east before turning attention to the west.

Speaking of the battle for Crete he emphasised that never again would British and Imperial forces meet the Nazis with such inequality in the air.—British Wireless.

OFFICER V.C. DIES A SEAMAN

While serving as a seaman in a naval auxiliary motor patrol vessel, Lieutenant-Commander Geoffrey Heneage Drummond, a V.C. of the last war, fell and fractured his skull.

Death from accidental causes was the verdict at a Lewisham inquest.

Lieutenant-Commander Drummond was awarded the V.C. for navigating a motor launch into Ostend Harbour in 1918 and carrying off survivors of the Vindictive. He was wounded during the operation.

When he received his decoration from King George V he was asked what had been his profession in civil life.

He replied: "I am ashamed to say I was a professional invalid."

When nine years old he had a fall and dislocated his neck.

RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.
Slow Fox-Trot—Little Curly Hair In A High Chair (film 'Forty Little Mothers'); Quickstep—Meet The Sun Half-Way... Billy Cotton & his Band.
Fox-Trots—Rock Island Flag Stop; When Buddha Smiles... The Casa Loma Orchestra.
Tangos—Noche De Reves; Che Papusa Oll... Gerald & his Gaucho Tango Orchestra.
Quickstep—Sing a Song of Sunbeams (film 'East side of Heaven'); Slow Fox-Trot—That Sly Old Gentleman (film 'East side of Heaven')... Ambrose & his Orchestra.
Swing Fox-Trots—Weary Blues; Washboard Blues... Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—This Is New; Jenny (both from film 'Lady in the Dark')... Leo Reisman & his Orchestra.
Waltz—Someday I'll Find You (film 'Private Lives')... Leo Reisman & his Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Variety.
Comedienne—Brother Jack—A Message from Mum; Gert and Daisy—Won't We 'Ave A Party When It's Over... Elsie & Doris Waters.
Vocal—The Little Mountain Cabin (Kennedy & Carr)... The Hill Billies.
Comedian—What! The Old Blue Pencil? (Evans & Others); Yec Can't 'Elp Laughin' (Warner)... Jack 'Blue Pencil' Warner with Orchestra.

Vocal—Wandering Shoes (Hill Billies)... The Hill Billies.
Comedienne—Gert, Daisy and the Knot-Hole (Waters)... Elsie & Doris Waters.
Vocal—Nobody's Darlin' But Mine (Davis)... The Hill Billies.
Comedian—I Didn't Order 'A Eit It (Warner)... Jack Warner.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's Operas.

'Ruddigore'—Sir Rupert Murgatroyd

... Dorothy Gill & Chorus of Girls;

If Somebody There Chanced to Be

... Muriel Dickson (Soprano).

'The Mikado'—Our Great Mikado...

George Baker & Chorus of Men;

Young Man, Despair... Leo Sheffield,

Derek Oldham & George

Baker; And Have I Journey'd...

Derek Oldham & Leo Sheffield.

'Patience'—Love is a Plaintive Song

... Winifred Lawson (Soprano).

'The Yeomen of the Guard'—Comes the Pretty Young Bride... Full

Company; Leonard, My Loved One

... Winifred Lawson, Derek Old-

ham, George Baker & Chorus.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and

Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Sonata at the Piano.

Rhythm Of The Rain; Intro: 'Valen-

tine'; I Was Lucky (both from 'The

Man from Folies Bergere'); Miracles

Sometimes Happen (Ray Noble); Variations on 'Tipperary'

(Williams & Judge).

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—The Drury Lane Theatre

Orchestra.

Ball At The Savoy—Selection (Abra-

ham); Three Ballet Tunes; The

Leap Year Waltz (both from Novel-

lo's 'The Dancing Years').

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave Only).

9.45 p.m.—Songs by Evelyn Laye

(Soprano) & Richard Crooks (Tenor);

Gipsy Moon (Berganoff); Just To

Linger In Your Arms (Arnold);

Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orch.

When I Grow Too Old To Dream;

The Night Is Young (both from film

'The Night Is Young'); Evelyn

Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News

and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—A. A. Rachmaninoff Pro-

gramme.

Pollchello; Prelude in B Flat...

Left Polshinoff (Piano).

Symphony No. 3 in A Minor, Op. 44—

1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov:

Adagio ma non troppo; 3rd Mov:

Allegro... Sergei Rachmaninoff

conducting the Philadelphia Orch.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—To Talk of

Many Things.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

WOMEN'S PLEA TO MINISTER

Some 10,000 British-born women in this country have lost their nationality because they are married to foreigners, 1,500 of them to Germans or Austrians. To urge the restoration of their rights a deputation of 25 women saw Mr. Osbert Peake, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Home Office.

They were led by Mrs. Patrick Ness, president of the National Council of Women, and represented 11 women's societies.

The plight of denationalised women was put by one of the speakers, Mrs. Isabel Donze, secretary of the Nationality of Married Women Committee.

She herself is a victim of the law's anomalies, because as the wife of an American she is no longer British, and since she has never been able to establish an American residence, she cannot acquire United States nationality.

Cannot Own A Bicycle

"They cannot move more than five miles from their homes without a police permit. They must not enter restricted areas. They are not allowed to own a bicycle or a wireless set.

"I myself could not get a passport in peace time, and before I could pay a visit to Copenhagen I had to get a friend of mine, a peer, to vouch for me.

"But foreign women married to Englishmen are not restricted at all. Our view is that before they receive British nationality they should satisfy the same conditions as apply to naturalised aliens. They should live here for a year and prove a knowledge of our laws, language and customs.

"It is only since 1870 that Englishwomen have lost their nationality on marriage to a foreigner, and in the last 22 years 19 countries, including the United States, have reformed their laws. We are urging that women should have the right to choose whether they will keep their British nationality when they marry."

QUIET DAY ON THE STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally firm but business was quiet. Gilt-edged recorded an all-round advance and industrials also tended higher with further investment demand in heavens. Among foreign bonds Japanese were strong and generally £2 higher, while Chinese and Brazilians also improved. Kaffirs were irregularly higher. Wall Street was slow.—Reuter.

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PRIESTS FIGHT FOR CATHEDRAL

St. George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Southwark, London, S.E., was destroyed by fire in a recent raid. The Sacrament was saved.

Priests climbed ladders to the lofty roof of the Sanctuary, but incendiary bombs were out of reach and the fire-fighters were handicapped because they had only stirrup pumps.

The roof fire became so fierce that the priests were forced to descend. They fought the flames inside the building until soldiers made them leave because of the danger.

The Bishop's House is intact. Services are being continued in a hall adjoining the cathedral.

Store Burnt Out

Thomas Wallis, the department store in Holborn, London, founded there as a linen draper's shop in 1828, has also been burnt out.

Firemen fought the flames all night and next day, but only the tottering walls of the shop remain.

Some windows at the U.S. Embassy were broken by blast during a recent raid when an H.E. bomb fell about a hundred yards away.

Incendiaries landed on the Embassy, but fire-watchers put them out.

The Ambassador was in the Embassy.

MANNEQUIN WIFE AND RICH MAN

A decree nisi, with costs, was granted by Mr. Justice Hodson in the Divorce Court recently in favour of Mr. Philip Henry Riseley, R.N.V.R., on the ground of the adultery of his wife, Eleanor Mary Maxwell, with Mr. Charles Lee, partner in a firm of metal brokers. Damages of £1,500 were awarded against the respondent, whose evidence was given on commission in New York.

Mr. Justice Hodson, giving judgment, said that the husband was a man of moderate means, and his wife was said to be tall and attractive. She worked as a mannequin and was stated to be fond of gaiety.

Mr. Lee's financial position was obviously superior to that of Mr. Riseley. It was difficult to ascertain to what extent Mr. Lee's display of wealth influenced Mrs. Riseley, but she seemed to have been carried away by the glamour which he was able to give out.

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INCOME TAX: NEW STUDY

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His Excellency the Governor said: Before calling upon the Honourable the Financial Secretary to move the second reading of the bill to amend the War Revenue Ordinance I wish to mention one important point in it, upon which I regret that I failed to touch when I spoke on the subject on May 29.

It will not have escaped notice that the bill still provides only two rates of taxation, the lower of which recognises that the lowest taxable incomes cannot afford to pay the full rate, the result being that all other incomes, however great, are taxed at the rate which is considered to be fair to the business which earns any profit exceeding \$50,000 p.a. and to the salaried individual who earns anything more than \$5,000 p.a., after deduction of due allowances.

Quite obviously this crude grading does not completely fulfil the Colony's obligations as a unit of the British Empire in war time, and equally obviously we are in duty bound to see that those obligations are so fulfilled.

Supertax Rates

For this inadequacy of the present measure I myself take the responsibility. By the time I had returned to this Colony and had been able to look round, the Reconstituted War Revenue Committee was well on the way to its conclusions and in view of the War Taxation Department's need for a statute on which to assess and collect during the current year, I decided not to add to the Committee's terms of reference any instruction to consider the addition of higher basic or super-tax rates. That would have meant a delay that would have held the Department up seriously. The preferable course of action appeared to be to get the amended War Revenue Ordinance on to the statute-book and then to appoint a committee of very similar composition to consider the advisability either of replacing in 1942-43 the War Revenue taxes by an Income Tax, supplemented possibly by an Excess Profits Tax, or, alternatively, of developing the rate scales of the War Revenue Ordinance so as to tax higher profits and salaries according to their full ability to pay. This I may say is my present intention.

Mr. Lo's Speech

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo said that in view of the very comprehensive statement made by the Hon. the Financial Secretary when he moved the First Reading of the Bill at the last meeting of the Council, he proposed to say very little upon its provisions.

"But I would like to say that since the Report of the Reconstituted War Revenue Committee was published I have received representations regarding the Profits Tax. These representations point out that whilst under the Salaries Tax a man with a wife and two children can deduct \$8,000 by way of allowance, under the Profits Tax a man with a wife and children, carrying on a business, has to pay tax on profits in excess of \$5,000 at 7 per cent. up to the first \$50,000.

Moreover, as these representations point out, the position of a firm consisting of two or more partners with children is more aggravated, the disadvantage being proportional to the number of partners. But, as the Hon. the Financial Secretary has pointed out, the reduction of exemption limit from \$10,000 to \$5,000, under the Profits Tax is to remove or reduce the temptation to evasion by splitting up businesses into two or more firms, and I feel that the disadvantages mentioned above must be regarded more or less as the consideration for treating firms as taxable entities.

No taxing measures can be expected to give universal satisfaction, and I therefore do not propose to move any amendment in this matter to-day.

But I do feel that this question should be reviewed in the light of the working of the tax during the coming year, and I reserve the right to bring up this question in due course.

The reasons which prompted the Reconstituted War Revenue Committee to recommend the basic rates of tax of 6 per cent. and 12 per cent. are fully set out in its Report. Your Excellency, speaking in this Council on May 29, stated that by way of general intensifica-

tion of our war effort Government had decided that the general increase of the present rates should be 7 per cent. and 14 per cent.

Prospect Of Surplus

Sir, I venture to think that there is not a single person in the Colony who does not agree heartily with Your Excellency's observations. I have no doubt that the general public will be gratified if, as the result of the increased basic rates, the Colony can be put in the position of making a more effective contribution to the war effort, but what I believe the general public to be anxious about is this: will the prospect of a substantial surplus accentuate the tendency, which is so much deplored by the public, of extravagant expenditure on the part of Government.

I feel sure, Sir, that any assurance which Your Excellency can give that any surplus will be faithfully safeguarded and used only for the furtherance of the Colony's war effort, or for essential local services, will give general satisfaction.

Terrible Ordeal

Whatever trials and tribulations may lie before this Colony we are at the moment, living in security and comfort. It may therefore seem presumptuous on our part even to refer to the terrible ordeal which is being undergone by civilians in battered Britain, or to refer to the unparalleled heroism displayed by the Fighting Forces in the various theatres of war. But I know that everyone in the Colony feels these things deeply and with such assurance from Your Excellency as I have indicated I am certain that the public of Hong Kong will cheerfully bear the burden of increased rates.

JUDGE AND WOMAN'S CLOTHES

Mr. Justice Cassels, in the King's Bench, questioned a woman about her "somewhat expensive investment" in clothes.

She was Mrs. Kate Powell, Wigton Hall, Wigton, Cumberland. She is suing Mr. Walter Joseph Reid, of the Royal Automobile Club, for £575 7s. 6d. under an agreement made between them on June 19 last.

Mrs. Powell is claiming for the loss of her car and personal possessions when helping Mr. Reid and his wife to escape from France at the time of the collapse last June.

Mr. Justice Cassels remarked that Mrs. Powell's claim included "a considerable sum" for clothes and asked, "How much did you spend on clothes before your husband died?"

Mrs. Powell replied, "I don't know, but my husband was getting cross." She added that her Italian dressmaker was a wonderful woman and the clothes she bought were to last her the rest of her life.

Mr. Justice Cassels adjourned the hearing.

CREDITORS PAID OUTSIDE COURT

Witnesses at the court-martial of an officer in London recently testified that they had been paid money due to them outside the court.

Sec. Lt. Philip Arthur Wilkinson, of the R.A.S.C., was found not guilty on 10 of 19 charges relating to cheques, which it was alleged were returned when presented to his bank. The decision of the court on the remaining charges and on a charge of drunkenness to which Sec. Lt. Wilkinson pleaded guilty, will be announced.

For the defence it was stated that Sec. Lt. Wilkinson had been foolish and unbusinesslike, but there was no element of scandal. Every penny of the money involved had been paid that morning.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK

Nine cholera cases, one from Victoria, five from Kowloon, and three from Rural Hong Kong were notified to the Medical Department yesterday. Thirteen cases were notified on Tuesday.

BOYS NOT TO DO MEN'S WORK

Boys who are earning high wages clearing away debris in London may soon find labour exchanges taking a special interest in them, for the London Regional Advisory Council for Juvenile Employment has told the exchanges that it does not consider this is suitable work for boys.

The Restriction on Engagement Order requires employers needing such workers to employ them only through the exchanges, who can therefore take action against employers who do not consult them, and can use their influence with those who do.

An official of the Council stated: "This sort of work leads a lad nowhere and it does him no good physically, because he is doing a man's work before he is fit for it."

"The exchanges have no power to prevent such employment, but the order does give us a measure of control."

"The trouble has increased because of the shortage of labour. In normal times there was no need to restrict the hours of work of juveniles in this kind of job, because no juveniles were employed in it. So now there is nothing to prevent their working long hours, and by doing so they can earn high wages."

"We find that a number of lads are taken on for this work at men's wages without any approach to the Exchange. In some cases they creep in by oversight and their ages are later revealed by their employment books. In other cases, foremen have just slipped them in."

"It is rather difficult to discover those cases of boys who were deliberately taken on without reference to the Exchange."

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QUARREL ON THE PEAK

Man Shu, 31, carpenter, was remanded for 48 hours when charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Ku Ying-pui, 20, at No. 530, The Peak, yesterday.

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Billiards And Snooker Exhibition For War Fund

IT IS LEARNED FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT SALE OF TICKETS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER GAMES IN AID OF THE BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND, TO BE PLAYED AT CLUB DE RECREIO TO-MORROW EVENING, HAS GONE VERY ENCOURAGINGLY AND THERE IS EVERY REASON TO HOPE THAT THE STANDS, SPECIALLY ERECTED IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE CLUB FOR THE OCCASION, WILL BE PACKED TO CAPACITY.

In order that spectators may have the best possible view of the game, the committee in charge of arrangements have moved the table to the centre of the hall and everything is set for a very successful evening.

The programme for the night will be:-

BILLIARDS

A. J. Osmund v E. D. Bush
(Colony) (formerly of Shanghai)

SNOOKER

A. P. Pereira v M. N. Rakusen
(Unofficial Colony) (Civil Service C.C.)

EXHIBITION OF TRICK SHOTS

C. Terran, European Y.M.C.A.
In view of the widespread interest taken in the games, we give below thumbnail sketches of the players concerned.

A. J. OSMUND, Colony champion since 1923, won his first title in 1921

WASS' GOLF WIN

At Happy Valley on Tuesday, D. Wass beat J. W. MacDonald by 1 up, at the 18th hole, in the Final of the Hong Kong Police Handicap Golf Competition, for the Kent Cup. MacDonald conceded a handicap of three strokes to his opponent.

MacDonald, who had been winner of this tournament since 1930, has been in the final every year following his arrival here in 1936. Prior to coming to Hong Kong, he played a good deal of golf in the north of Scotland and in 1934 was in the semi-final of the Northern Championship. He has, in addition, won a number of club tournaments and also many Summer competitions.

One of the skips in Third Division of the Lawn Bowls League for Police R.C., MacDonald played in the Dufftown championship in 1935, winning the singles championship. He won five other competition prizes the same year, and had the misfortune of having to withdraw from the Scottish Highland Pairs Championship after he had reached the Fourth Round when his partner fell ill.

WATER-POLO RESULTS

Two matches were played in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament yesterday.

"Y" POOL

Combined Small Units beat Navy "C" 4-1. MacDonald (2) Knightley and Thorley scored for C.S.U. and Hall for Navy.

ARMY POOL

Royal Scots shared four goals with 905th R.A. Hunter and Davidson scored for Royals and Pidgeon and Langridge for 905th.

TO-DAY'S WATER POLO GAMES

Following is to-day's Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament programme:

At the Army Pool
European Y.M.C.A. v 30th Battery, R.A. (7.15 p.m.)
Navy "A" v Royal Scots "A" (7.45 p.m.)
Royal Corps of Signals v Middlesex "A" (8.15 p.m.)

At the Y.M.C.A. Pool
R. Navy "B" v Combined Small Units (7.15 p.m.)
Navy "C" v Royal Scots "B" (7.45 p.m.)
Middlesex "B" v 30th Battery, R.A. (8.15 p.m.)

from P. A. Yvanovich who recaptured the crown the following year, only to lose it again in 1923 when they clashed for the third time in the final of the Colony Championship. Osmund is a left-handed player and has a large variety of strokes at his command. Highest break in his career is 207, made some years ago, and he has over 100 three-figure breaks to his credit. Has represented Hong Kong in Inter-port matches against Shanghai and as recently as last month made a break of 150.

Break Of 186

E. D. BUSH, who has often been called the former Shanghai champion, never actually won the title, though he was in the final four times, on each occasion losing to C. W. Porter by a few points in games of 2,000 up. Bush was captain of the Thirty Club and also Lusitano Club teams that won the Shanghai Billiards League and has played Interport for that port. Highest break is 186, and has over 100 three-figure breaks to his credit. Bush has won many club titles in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Hankow and has also played against world-famous cueists.

Osmund's Protege

A. P. PEREIRA, more popularly known as "Spotty", learned his snooker at the Palace Hotel where he received useful instruction from I. L. Goldenberg. When Osmund, Colony billiards champion, saw the promise shown by this youngster, he took him under his wing, and ever since Pereira has gone from strength to strength. Won his first title at Catholic Union Club in 1933 and when they won the Steel, Coulson League in 1935 and 1936 Pereira was a member of both teams. Pereira has also represented Volunteer Defence Corps in the Soldiers' Club League which they won four times and were runners-up three years. Best break is 54, made at Recreio last year, and three times this year he has met Cpl. Harvey, Army champion, in exhibition games, winning all three of them. Best billiards break is 135.

Elusive Century

M. N. RAKUSEN, has been one of the leading snooker players at Kowloon Cricket Club and Civil Service C.C. over a number of years. He is very interested in both billiards and snooker and was both hon. secretary and president of the now defunct Hong Kong Billiards Association. His highest break at snooker is 36 and at billiards 98. In connection with the latter game, it is of interest to note that though Rakusen has passed the 80 mark on several occasions, the 100 has up till the present remained elusive. Other interests include lawn bowls at which he is the present Colony champion, winning the title from M. R. Abbas last year.

25 Years' Experience

C. TERRAN, one of the leading billiards players at European "Y" and a very clever exponent of trick shots, first played billiards in 1916, just after he had left school. Two years later he played in his home town's (Leeds) League, just getting into the side, as the big minimum was 18 years. In 1922 Terran joined the Army and first came to the Colony in 1927 but has been away again for some time since. Was a member of R.A.M.C. team that carried off the Garrison League and Hong Kong Area Championships for the last three years, and last year he averaged 149.04 out of a possible 150 in 18 games. He has played billiards for 25 years but his duties have been such that he has never had a chance for regular practice. He holds a Grade B certificate of the Billiards Association and Control Council for Billiards and Snooker (as a referee).

One Hour Game

The billiards exhibition will be of one hour duration instead of 300 up as originally arranged.

Both players, on present form, can knock up 500 points in a very short time.

After the exhibitions there will be a jazz-ball competition, open to all.

In the Colony Junior Chess championship tournament, V. V. Kolatchoff beat E. M. Petrov on Tuesday.

No League tennis matches were played yesterday, owing to heavy rain which fell shortly after the 11th hour.

J. C. S. Fender and J. Orem of Police, J. Watson of K.B.G.C. and H.K.F.C. and T. Armstrong of K.B.G.C. are back from leave and will be playing bowls shortly. Fender and Orem in the Rinks matches next Sunday.

ELECTRIC WIN

In a friendly floodlight lawn bowls match last night at Ming Yuen, Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club beat Lane Crawford's by 67 shots to 49. Scores—R. A. Owens, A. G. Everett, C. E. Gahagan, J. F. Lunny (Elec.) beat A. J. Prata, G. Edgar, G. Tanner, E. C. Fincher 24-20; W. E. Macfarlane, R. W. Smith, A. G. Gardner, L. de Rome (Elec.) beat E. Baker, H. Burton, S. Carr, A. B. Hamson 18-10; J. Roscoe, W. Baker, A. F. Paul, J. K. Sloan (Elec.) beat W. Bonner, J. Lodge, W. C. F. Ogley, G. E. Zithern 23-13.

FAVOURITE'S IRISH DERBY SUCCESS

The Irish Derby, in which there were 10 runners, was won yesterday by Mr. John Dillon's Soloreins, ridden by G. Wells, with Sir Percy Loraine's Khoro second and Mr. H. Hartigan's Etoli de Lyons third. E. M. Quirle rode Khoro and Joe Canty took out Etoli de Lyons.

The winner is the son of Hyperion, which also sired last week's English Newmarket Derby winner, Owen Tudor.

Soloreins was the favourite, at 9 to 4, with Khoro second favourite at 3 to 1. Odds on the third horse were 8 to 1.

Soloreins won by a length with 4 lengths between second and third. The English challengers, Easy Chair and Lychnoteur, were not in the picture.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:-

C.C.C. v P.O.R.C. (1)
S.C.A.A. v J.R.C.
C.R.C. v C.B.A.
K.I.T.C. v I.R.C.
S.C.A.A.—C. M. Tsang and S. S. Yau; W. H. Mok and P. Y. Kwok; K. C. Wong and S. L. Chung.
C.B.A.—T. Tomashevsky and D. T. Smith; N. Whitley and V. C. Bond; B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert.
C.R.C.—T. M. Wong and T. Y. Liang; L. N. Tsang and T. J. Choi; C. Y. Tso and Chan Yiu.
I.R.C.—M. Hassan and K. Nazarin; M. S. Hassan and M. I. Razack; G. Singh and A. J. Sufflad.
P.O.R.C. (1)—S. S. Chm and S. K. Chm; K. W. Wong and Y. S. Fung; W. Morrison and J. Howlett.
C.C.C.—K. M. Au and C. M. Lee; M. C. Hung and T. K. Lin; Y. C. Mok and P. C. Yue.

Post Office Recreation Club (2) have called off their fixture with A.T.C., on account of the rain.

NEW TALENT FOR H.B.?

It was learned this morning, from usually reliable sources, that Nip Lum and Wally Ching, who played for Chinese Baseball Club in the Baseball League last year, and who were rumoured to be turning out for South China this season, have joined H.B. Ball Club.

Efforts to confirm this from Mr. Roy Lau, Hon. Secretary of the Baseball League, met with the reply that "I have heard nothing officially, though I must admit there have been rumours to that effect."

CHAMPIONS MEET REST

The champions of the recently completed "Kin Shing Cup" Basketball League (on roller skates), Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union, will meet a team representing The Rest of the League, in an exhibition match at Kowloon Skating Rink on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m. The Rest team has not yet been selected.

On the same afternoon, the management of the Rink has arranged a hockey match between Middlesex and the Rink, while an exhibition of fancy skating will also be given later in the afternoon.

The winners of the Scottish and English Football war cups, Glasgow Rangers and Preston North End respectively, are to meet at Troxy, Park Road, on a date yet to be arranged in aid of charity.—Reuter.

BOWLS CHANGES FOR LEAGUE MATCHES ON SATURDAY

A NOTABLE ABSENTEE FROM RECREIO "A's" LEAGUE BOWLS TEAM THIS WEEK IS C. G. SILVA WHO, AS REPORTED IN THESE COLUMNS YESTERDAY, WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN LEAGUE BOWLS AGAIN THIS SEASON. HIS PLACE IS BEING TAKEN BY H. A. ALVES AS SKIP.

J. Luz and C. E. Marques, selected as the first two men to Silva for their postponed game last week, will retain their positions with Alves, who will have J. E. Noronha as No. 3. Last week Alves and Noronha were selected as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively to F. X. Silva.

There are no changes in R. F. Luz's rink, but F. X. Silva will have C. M. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in the places of Alves and Noronha. Last week Ribeiro, who was a doubtful starter, was chosen as No. 3 to Carlos Silva, while C. M. Silva, selected as No. 3 to J. J. Basto in Recreio "B" last Saturday, has received promotion.

Two of the three Recreio "B" rinks—those led by L. J. Silva and A. P. Gutteres—remain intact. C. A. Lopes, selected as No. 3 to J. R. Soares in Second Division last week, comes into the side in place of C. M. Silva as No. 3 to J. J. Basto, Silva having gone to the "A" team.

In Third Division there are a number of changes. P. Yvanovich will have H. R. Pinna and A. A. Roza as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in place of F. X. Monteiro and M. F. Pinna. Monteiro goes to M. A. Carvalho's rink as No. 3 in place of A. F. Noronha, while Pinna is given a rink instead of the absent M. A. Alarcon. The latter had G. A. Pinna, E. A. R. Alves and M. Mendonca selected as his front men last week, but Pinna will have a new No. 2 in L. A. Rosario, Alves being an absentee.

H.K.F.C. Changes

Hong Kong Football Club, whose match against Prison Officers on June 14 was postponed on account of wet weather, have made two changes for their match against Talkoo this weekend.

In W. Gill's rink J. M. Thomson replaces J. S. Howell as lead, while J. D. Thomson goes to No. 3 to W. Macfarlane in place of C. F. Needham, who is an absentee this week. There are no changes in K. S. Robertson's rink from that selected against P.O.C.

There are also several changes in the Football Club Third Division team which lost to C.C.C. in the only League match played last Saturday.

In G. S. Graver's rink J. Hempsey takes the place of the promoted J. M. Thomson as No. 2. J. Russell, who was No. 2 to Mansell last week, will skip a rink comprising F. Anslow, J. Ralston and S. Strange. Last week, when Strange was skip, he had Anslow and Ralston playing Nos. 2 and 3 to him respectively. There is only one change in Mansell's rink this week, C. Carr coming in to take the place of Russell at No. 2.

H.K.C.C. Reshuffle

There is only one change in the H.K.C.C. team selected for last week. In A. W. Brown's rink P. J. A. Hamilton, selected as No. 3 last week, is an absentee this time, his place being taken by R. A. Edwards, selected as No. 2 last week, while P. S. Cassidy will be No. 2 instead of skip in the Third Division team.

There has been a great deal of reshuffling in this club's Third Division team. A. S. Mitchell, who had B. J. Lacey, L. E. N. Ryan and H. F. Shields as his front men for their postponed fixture last week, will now lead a rink comprising P. Morrison, T. C. Monaghan and E. Hosper, A. McKellar comes into the team as skip in place of Cassidy, who has been promoted, and his front men will be D. J. Valentine, W. R. Lambert and H. A. Angus. Those chosen to play for Cassidy last week were H. H. Beddow, W. R. Lambert and P. A. Cox. The 100 per cent. E. S. Abraham will lead a four made up of H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan and E. S. Doughty. The third rink selected for last week was made up of D. J. Valentine, R. J. Shrigley, E. S. Doughty and A. Nissim.

One Police Change

Police R.C. have only made one change from the team that was selected for their game last Saturday. The rink led by J. Shepherd and W. Mair are intact, but in E. G. Post's four C. B. Williams is replaced by J. Forrest as No. 1.

In Third Division there are no

changes in the rinks skipped by J. C. Aitken and J. MacDonald. In A. E. Carey's four, however, L. C. Pennell comes in as lead in place of E. Greenwood.

K.B.G.C. "A" Intact

There are no changes in the Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" team, and in the "B" team two rinks are intact.

Guy's rink has three new players in Elphick and Bower, who have been promoted from Third Division and who will be seen as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively, and H. Spong, who will play as lead in place of F. Seard. A. Morton and E. Atkins are absentees this week.

In H. Nish's Third Division rink, J. A. Fraser returns to the rink as lead while last week's lead, C. Langley, will be seen as No. 2 to K. C. Hamilton. W. M. Wilson is C. Wallis' new lead, while J. S. Dinneen, erstwhile lead, has gone to No. 2 in place of Bower.

All the Kowloon Bowling Green Club matches on Saturday will start at 4 p.m.

C.C.C. Unchanged

Craigengower Cricket Club are making no changes from the senior team selected last Saturday, but there are some changes in their Second Division team from that chosen last week.

T. Lock's four remain unchanged, but W. K. Way, who led E. J. Todd, A. Kitchell and W. Ward chosen as his front men last week, will now skip a rink comprising J. H. Xavier, L. E. Lammert, and M. J. Medina. The last named is at No. 3 instead of skip, as selected last week, when he was to have led Xavier, Baptista and Lammert.

In place of Medina as skip, N. P. Karanjia, who played such a good game against Hong Kong Football Club in Third Division last week, comes in to take over the rink that was chosen to play for Way last week with the exception that A. Kitchell is an absentee at No. 2, his place being taken by M. A. Baptista, selected for that position in Medina's rink last week.

Selected Teams

Following are some of the teams selected:

KOWLOON B.G.C.
First Division ("A" v Recreio "A", Away)

G. W. Deacon, E. Lovett, W. In Walker and A. M. Holland (skip).
L. Sykes, H. Lockhart, H. White and A. J. Hall (skip).

R. P. Phillips, A. Hyde-Lay, H. E. Drew and J. McKelvie (skip).

First Division ("B" v P.R.C., Away)

W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, W. McNeill and R. Duncan (skip).

P. A. Peckham, H. Bicknell, J. C. G. I and J. G. Meyer (skip).

H. Spong, G. W. Elphick, A. Bower and L. Guy (skip).

Third Division (v H.K.F.C., Home)

J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (skip).

W. M. Wilson, J. S. Dinneen, G. E. F. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip).

S. C. Walker, C. E. Langley, L. A. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (skip).

KOWLOON C.C.C.

First Division (v I.R.C., Away)

A. E. Perry, L. Jack, A. W. Smith and E. C. Fincher (skip).

A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, W. Mulcahy and T. Madar (skip).

N. D. Lloyd, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor and N. J. Bebbington (skip).

Second Division (v H.K.C.C., Away)

R. S. Capell, H. Overy, F. A. Fabell and T. W. Carr (skip).

A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (skip).

S. A. Gray, R. Leigh, E. Curtis and R. S. Meadows (skip).

CRAIGENGOWER

First Division (v Civil Service At C.C.C. At 4.00 p.m.)

J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Contes and B. W. Bradbury (skip).

A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (skip).

Y. A. Razack, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Robbette (skip).

Second Division (v Kowloon Tong At Kowloon At 4.00 p.m.)

A. A. Razack, S. R. Solina, E. Zimern and T. Lock (skip).

J. H. Kaylor, L. E. Lammert, M. J. Medina and W. K. Way (skip).

E. J. Todd, M. A. Baptista, W. Ward and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (skip).

HOLDERS ENTER 2ND ROUND

In expectation of some good lawn bowls, a fair sprinkling of spectators turned up at Kowloon Football Club yesterday when H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, winners of the Open Pairs Bowls title for the last two years, were opposed to F. N. Wong and A. Hyde-Lay in the First Round of this year's competition.

And well it was worth their trouble too, for although the holders won by the comfortable margin of 20-12, there was never a dull moment throughout the 21 heads—not even at the last when Hyde-Lay and his partner needed a "possible" to win.

Dick Alves was his usual steady self but there were times when the less-experienced Wong more than held his own against "Dick".

The tussle between the two skips was always interesting, each excelling in turn though it must be said that "Chico" Ribeiro had a slight edge on Hyde-Lay. It was at the 3rd end that the latter had the misfortune to remove one of his own shots when lying, and gave the count to the holders. As it was it did not make much difference to the scores, but it might have meant everything had the count been more even towards the later stages of the match.

Welcome Four

Scores came in singles and twos till the 13th when the holders chalked up a very welcome four, for at that stage they were only leading 8-7. After adding another single they conceded two singles in a row to lead 13-9 but 3 and 2 gave them a fairly safe margin. After giving away another single they scored two more singletons at the 20th and 21st respectively to win 20-12.

And now for the very interesting final end. Wong bowled like a machine to cluster three of his four woods round the jack but he was soon robbed of the advantage when "Chico" drove and took the jack into the ditch. Hyde-Lay got to within a yard of the ditch and Ribeiro was a trifle short with his next and saw Hyde-Lay add another. Then Ribeiro came heavy and knocked up one of his front woods to score the shot and bring the game to an end.

Ex-Champions Win

At Kowloon Docks, C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares, 1938 champions, entered the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship when they beat H. White and A. J. Hall by 19 shots to 12.

The winners started with a single and registered a three at the third but a three at the fifth enabled the losers to take the lead at 5-4. The Portuguese pair then scored 1 2 1 2 1 before conceding two singles and then went on to register 1 1 1 1 2 2 to lead 19-7 at the 18th.

The losers finished up with two twos and a single.

White and Hall scored at only eight ends.

Strong Finish

A strong finish enabled H. Spong and E. Levett to beat E. A. Atkins and J. G. Meyer at Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 20-12 in the First Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs championship.

Scoring at the first three ends Spong and Levett were leading by six shots before their opponents opened their scoring, and at the 9th were leading by 8-3.

Atkins and Meyer then scored 3 1 2 1 0 1 to take the lead for the first time at 11-10 at the 15th.

Spong and Levett then scored 1 0 3 4 1 1 to win by 20-12.

BASKETBALL SUCCESS FOR PUI CHING

Two matches in the Inter-School Basketball League were played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday when Pui Ching beat Ming Sang by 59 points to 33, and Wah Nam defeated Ying Wah 53-38. Leading 34-17 at the end of the first half, Pui Ching went further ahead and dominated play in the later stages when they allowed their opponents to score eight goals (10 points).

Outstanding players for Pui Ching were Ng Yuen-fuk and Yu Kwok-pun, who scored 14 and 13 points respectively, while Lau Tim-yuk distinguished himself in the attack for Ming Sang, scoring 18 of his side's 33 points.

In the second match, Wah Nam basketballers showed better combination and defeated Ying Wah by 53 to 30, after leading at the interval by 20-12.

Wong Pui-wan, winger, who netted 10 points for the winners, was the most impressive player on the field.

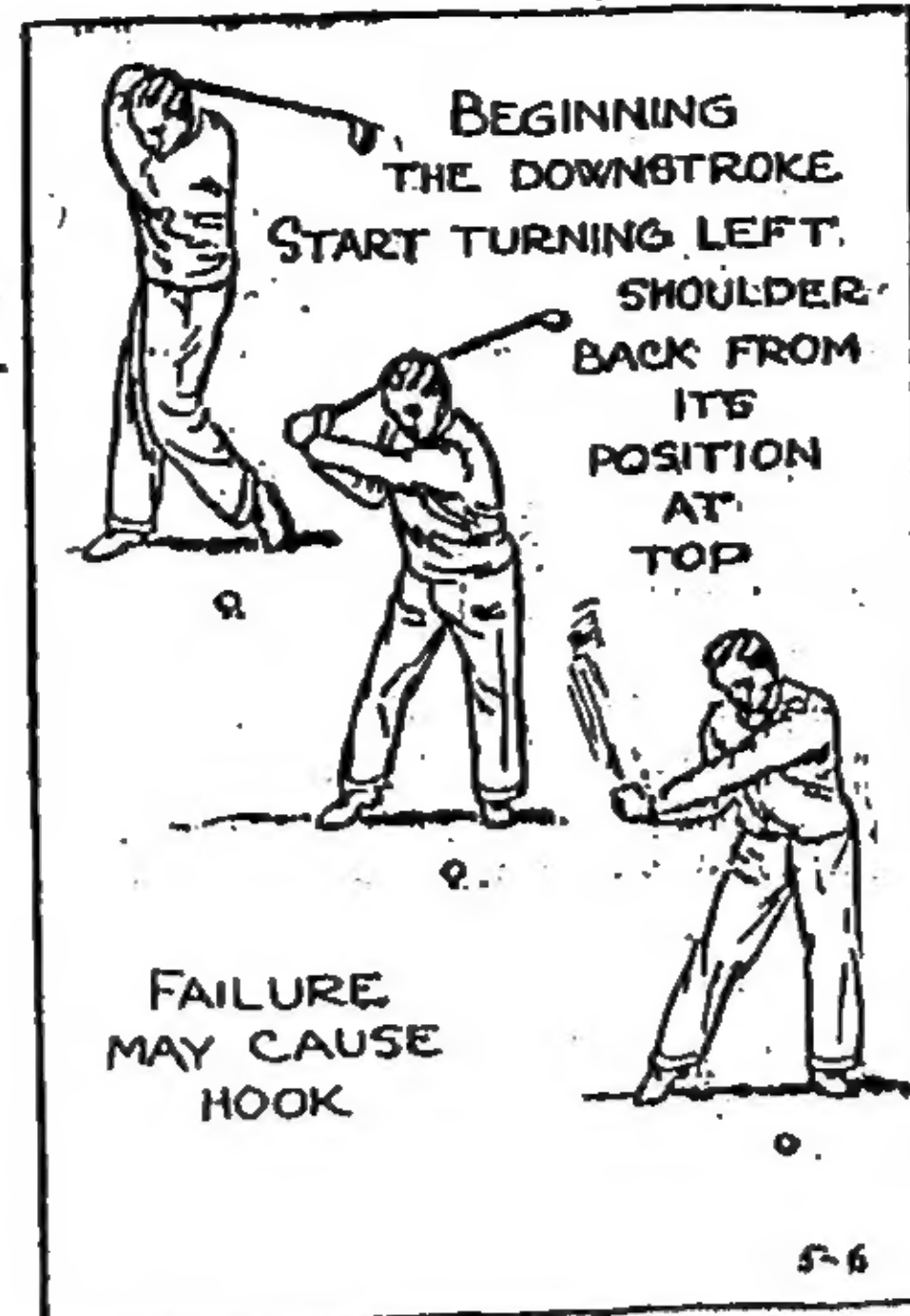
Cyclone Sports Club beat Royal Scots by five clear goals in a friendly hockey match (on roller skates) at Ciro Skating Rink yesterday. A. K. Marker (2), J. Walla (2) and J. Kilchell scored.

EASIER

TURN LEFT SHOULDER AROUND By Best Ball

In order to gain a relaxed stroke the various muscles must co-ordinate properly in their movements. Freedom of action is curtailed for instance if the left shoulder fails to turn aside—out of the path of the stroke. When the right side finds it necessary to press the left shoulder out of the way, the shot is not only going to lack smoothness but it is also likely to lack accuracy and distance. True the golfer is not always able to recognise whether his left shoulder has turned aside or not. So the next time one feels that he is failing to put punch into the shot; that he is failing to contact the ball with the centre of the club-face, let him look to the left shoulder. Further symptom of trouble here is a lifting stroke which gives the ball a hooking tendency.

The solution lies in turning the left shoulder back quickly to its address position on the down-swing. In fact the



left shoulder turn from the top of the swing may be identified in many instances as the actual start of the downstroke. Avoid sway, simply turn the shoulder around quickly.

NEXT ARTICLE—Gripping The Club.

GOLF V.R.C. BASKETBALL TEAMS IN ACTION ON SATURDAY

The newly formed basketball section of Victoria Recreation Club are playing two games on Saturday at Blake gardens.

The first game, at 4 p.m., is between V.R.C. ladies and girls of Nanyang Commercial Academy, after which the V.R.C. men's team will meet the Black Cats, a team from Lee Gymnasium.

Following are the teams:—

LADIES

V.R.C. (to be chosen from the following):—Miss Celeste Marques, Miss Teresa Marques, Miss Thelma Marques, Miss Lilla Xavier, Miss Vivian Rull, Miss Margie Xavier, Miss Carmen Ozorio, Miss Alexandrina Mendonca and Miss Celeste Guterres.

Nanyang Academy Girls (to be chosen from the following):—Miss Cheung Chin-fai, Miss Piu Kwok-hing, Miss

Pau Chi-man, Miss Cah Shook-ki, Miss Wong Pui-chun, Miss Ng Shui-keo, Miss Ng Shook-yeo, Miss Kwok Shu-ping, Miss Au Shun-chun and Miss Kung Chin-lan.

MEN'S

V.R.C. (from the following):—A. Azedo, R. Maxwell, E. Rozario, L. Rozario, P. Rull, A. Yvanovich, A. Alves, J. Remedios, B. Wilkinson, A. J. Hussain and J. Xavier.

Black Cats:—M. Shi, Lee-Pui-wing, Leung Kwok-ying, Chan Shu-sheung, Wan Leung, Cheung Sin-tseung, Chu Yan-tseung, Chu Yan-tseung, Cheng Tai-hong and Chau Po-kau.

Bill Woo and Chang Yuk-kwan, of South China are coaching the V.R.C.

WILLS'S

GOLD FLAKE CIGARETTES

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CAVALRY CHARGES

Moscow Story Of Battle For River Pruth Bridge

Soviet Air Arm Leads Thrilling Clash

HOW SOVIET CAVALRY DROVE BACK GERMAN AND RUMANIAN TROOPS WHICH CROSSED THE RIVER PRUTH INTO BESARABIA FROM FALCIU—MIDWAY BETWEEN JASSY AND GALATZ—IS DESCRIBED IN A DESPATCH FROM TINASPOL FROM THE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF "IZVESTIA," OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

The correspondent says: "Our frontier guards made heroic efforts to prevent the crossing of the river but could not withstand the pressure of the enemy, who had enormous material superiority.

"Having concentrated a powerful force of infantry and tanks on the Soviet bank, the enemy began the offensive. It was

necessary to deal him a terrific blow immediately.

"Bombers and fighters hurled themselves as he crossed the frontier, raining down bombs. Numbers of enemy tanks were immediately destroyed and their infantry suffered heavy losses.

"Disorder broke out in the enemy ranks during this raid.

Bridge Cleared

"Taking advantage of this, Soviet cavalry charged the enemy lines, using their sabres and charging the enemy back towards the bridge.

"The avalanche of cavalry destroyed all in its path and cleared the bridge of the enemy." — Reuter.

NEW FACTORY FOR BOMBERS

The Defence Plant Corporation in Washington announced yesterday it would build a \$47,000,000 bomber factory at Ypsilanti, Michigan, to be leased and operated by the Ford Motor Co.

It is understood the factory is to be an important part of the U.S. Army's plan to provide facilities for turning out 500 bombers a month. — Reuter.

RUMANIA COMMAND CLAIMS

The following communique was issued yesterday by the General Command on the German-Rumanian front, according to a Bucharest despatch to the official Italian news agency:—

"Operations during the first three days have proceeded according to plans established in advance. Some attempts by the enemy to counter-advance were repulsed.

"The enemy aviation on Tuesday made an intensive bombardment of Constantza, Sulina and Galatz, and dropped several bombs on Tulcea, Braila and Jassy but without causing any damage of importance.

"Our aircraft bombed important military objectives, obtaining everywhere remarkable results.

"German and Rumanian aviation have demonstrated in the past three days their crushing superiority over the enemy aviation, destroying 400 enemy machines.

"Out of this total, 30 Soviet planes were destroyed by the Rumanian air force and anti-aircraft guns and 40 machines were destroyed on the ground by the Rumanian air force, which lost a total of 12 machines." — Reuter.

Japanese Denial

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The Japanese Embassy in London yesterday denied Japan is planning to participate in the Russo-German war, despite Axis commitments.

An Allied source in London insisted that a Japanese move against Russia is "imminent."

One report claims that Mr. Matsuoka will be dropped from the Japanese Cabinet in the near future. The Tokyo Cabinet, it says, will then be reorganised "preliminary to revising the Japanese attitude towards Russia." — International News Service.

WILL SWEDEN FOLLOW FINLAND?

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The Swedish newspapers prior to the announcement of Finland's entry into the war, yesterday declared there is no doubt Sweden will act in the same way as the Finns, and "there is a fundamental need for Finnish-Swedish solidarity." — International News Service.

MOSCOW THANKS AMERICA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The announcement of all possible United States aid to Russia was published in Moscow under huge headlines and Soviet commentators express deep gratification. — International News Service.

BRITAIN'S SAVINGS

The National Savings Committee announce that subscriptions for the week ended Tuesday, June 24, amounted to £32,277,105. — British Wireless.

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ARMS FOR SOVIET VIA VLADIVOSTOK

It was officially announced in Washington yesterday that United States ships will be permitted to carry arms to Vladivostok in view of the fact that President Roosevelt does not intend to issue a neutrality proclamation concerning the Russo-German war. — Reuter.

ASAMA MARU'S SPECIAL TRIP

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The N.Y.K. office in San Francisco yesterday denied that the Asama Maru is being sent to Batavia to evacuate Japanese residents. Purpose of the trip is said to be to remove 400 German women and children internees. — International News Service.

ANTI-NAZI INCIDENT IN SHANGHAI

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

FIRST REACTION IN SHANGHAI OF THE RUSSO-GERMAN CONFLICT OCCURRED YESTERDAY WHEN THE KAISER WILHELM SCHOOL, AT THE CORNER OF GREAT WESTERN ROAD AND AVENUE HAIG, HAD ITS GATES AND WALLS SMEARED WITH THICK RED PAINT BEARING THE SLOGAN "DOWN WITH HITLER."

The Soviet hammer and sickle insignia were also painted on the school.

The slogans measured two feet high, and in addition many of the school's windows were smashed by bricks.

The school has been the main meeting place of the local Nazi group. — International News Service.

MR. QUO NOW IN CHUNGKING

Mr. Quo Ta-chi, the new Minister of Foreign Affairs, arrived at Kunming on Tuesday from Rangoon, and left last night by air for Chungking. — International News Service.

STOP PRESS

An unidentified submarine torpedoed the Turkish steamer "Rifha" at 10.30 last night while the vessel was en route to Alexandria, according to the Ankara correspondent of the National Broadcasting Corporation, broadcasting from the Turkish capital this morning.

The ship was sent to the bottom with 73 out of 201 passengers on board.

The torpedo is reported to have broken the ship in two and only one lifeboat could be launched.

The steamer had on board 100 Turkish naval officers and men, described as "the cream of the Turkish Navy," who were en route to England.

The incident has aroused considerable feeling in Ankara as the ship carried an illuminated Turkish flag and arrangements had been made with Germany and Italy to ensure its safe passage. — Reuter.

It was disclosed in Singapore to-day that a Chinese air mission arrived in Singapore last week. The mission is headed by General Mao Pang-chu, high officer to the Chinese Air Force. The visit follows that of the military mission last May. — Reuter.

In introducing the second reading of the War Revenue Ordinance this afternoon, the Hon. R. R. Todd announced several amendments including an increase in the allowance for third and fourth children to \$750 each instead of \$500.

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